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# EARTHQUAKE.

# ADDS TO HAVOC.

### NICARAGUAN CAPITAL LAID IN RUINS.

### THOUSAND PERISH.

ONE DEVASTATING earthquake shock, lasting only a few seconds, followed by a disastrous blaze, laid waste the city of Managua, the capital of Nicaragua, in Central America, yesterday morning, taking a toll of life and property exceeding in extent the catastrophe in New Zealand in February.

Over a thousand have been killed, according to the latest estimates and the number of injured runs into several thousands. The total population of the city does not exceed 35,000, and the proportion of casualties is, therefore, enormous.

The majority of the buildings in the city were shattered and mediately. "The length of our wrecked by the shock. Immediately there came a burst of flame stay here will depend on the arin the centre of the business area, and within a short time, the sangements to be made." he confire was sweeping the town. Among the casualties are American chuled. women and children. The British Legation has been destroyed by fire, but there is no information regarding the fate of the rival by Mr. N. L. Smith, of the British Minister.

### MANAGUA CATASTROPHE.

Panama City, Mar. 31.

A terrific earthquake has desa troyed the city of Managua, the capital of the Republic of Nicaragua, which has a population of approximately 34,000. The quake has wrecked the entire city, and the few houses left standing are reported to be on

New York, Mar., 31. Managna, the capital of Nicaragua, was shaken by a violent earquake at ten o'clock this morning. and it appears to have rendered practically every building untenable and to have taken a heavy toll of of business

#### City in Rprns.

The collapse of the majority of the buildings in the city is reported by a local wireless operator, who recently transferred his quarters five miles outside the city, which he says now lies in ruins.

Fire is causing added horrors. The conflagration, which is spreading rapidly, first broke out in the market square, and it is fravelling rapidly westeward.

"It will probably finish the job," adds the wireless operator. -President Hoover, on receiving news of the catastrophe, immediate- Balbos to-night for Nicaragua Red Cross to organise relief men- Rochester. The warship will head

#### Flaming Buildings.

Over four hundred have been killed in the earthquake disaster at Managua according to an esti- been ordered to take off immediatemate by the Tropical Radio Station by from Balbos for Managua, carryat Miami, while at least thirty-ling doctors and medical stores. five were incinerated in the collapse

who were hastily organised and ral- coast of Nicaragua, from which lied wonderfuly to check the panic, further planes will be despatched has arrived at Naples .- Reuter. failed in their efforts to check the to Managua with medical assispath of the flames, all attempts be- tance: ing frustrated by the exhaustion of stocks of dynamite, which were being employed to blow up buildings in the path and to eliminate natural bridges for the flames.

New York, Later. vices from quake-stricken Mana- ruins of Managua to succour them. Tre been injured.



Army men in Nicaragua.

The British and American Legations have been burned to the ground.

All the Government offices have been wrecked, and the banks and shops and offices which were not destroyed by the quake have since

been burned down. U.S. Navy's Relief Effort.

The Navy Department has order-

ed four naval vessels to proceed at once to Nicaraguan waters, including an aircraft-carrier. Rear-Admiral Smith is leaving gave orders to the American aboard his flagship, the U.S. S.

at full speed for Corinto; the port of Managua, where it is expect ed to arrive on Friday.

#### Planes With Doctors.

Two naval transport planes have

The giant aircraft-carrier. flaming buildings in the centre U. S. S. Lexington, is already go- Broken Hill, and thence to Cape- demands of delegates from the ing at full speed from Guantanamo Members of the National Guard, in Cuba, to Blueflelds, on the east

#### Succouring the Victims.

The moans of the injured, pinned under the debris, filled the air as United States marine patrols According to the latest, ad- scrambled over the smouldering

wun, the death-roll is in excess. While fire raged through the nurses treated hundreds who were areas but owing to the fear of out a.m. a thousand, while it is control business district, volun- seriously injured. timated that several thousands toors raced ahead of the flames. removing the injured, headless of new Presidential Palace, built on areas are taking refuge elsewhere. have been killed and their houses

### Currency Mission.

# Arrival.

For the purpose of investigating the Hongkong currency problem, the Commission appointed by the Home Government reached Colony this morning on the N.Y.K. stenmer Wakasa Maru, VIt prises Mr. W. H. Clear, First Governor of the South African Roserve Bank (chairman); Mr. P. H. Ezechiel, one of the Crown Agents for the Colonies; and Mr. G. L. M. Clauson of the Colonial Office (secretary).

Seen soon after arrival, Mr. Clegg informed a Telegraph representative that the Commission had as yet formed no plans as to the methods they would adopt to gather their information. That would be fully explained, and plans made after consulting the Hongkong Government, when also the terms

of reference might be announced. The Commission, said Mr. Clegg. had actually had little time to discuss the matter, as he joined his colleagues in Singapore only a Jew

Mr. Clegg added that he had no idea how long the investigations would take, but it was almost certain that they would begin im-

The Commission was met on ar ing at the Peninsula Hotel. Mr. Smith will act as general linison fofficer to the Commission. spent this morning meeting Government officials.

## DEFICIT.

BIGGEST RECORDED FOR FOUR YEARS.

London Mar. 31. The financial year 1930-31 has ended with a deficit of £23,275,000, instead of a surplus of £2,236,000 for which Mr. Philip Snowden budgeted in April of last year. Revenue for the year totals

expenditure and £775.894,000. £799,170,000. This is the biggest adverse

balance in the national accounts since the financial year 1926-27 when the deficit was \$36,693,000. The present deficit has already been met by borrowings, and par of the deficit is artificial, inasmuch as it is offset by an excess payment of £11,430,000 to the Sinking

The real deficiency therefore £11,845,000.—Reuter.

#### QUICK DASH TO CAPETOWN.

#### MILLIONAIRE SPORTSMAN NOW AT ATHENS.

London, Mar. 31. The millionnire sportsman, Lieutenant. Commander Glen Kidston, with Lieutenant Catheart Jones as Assistant Pilot, and Wireless Operator Johnson, left Netheravon, Wiltshire, this morning for Capetown, which he hopes to reach in Gandhi, in an address on the re-

the South African airman, Casparuthus, is 81/4 days.

Lieutenant Commander Kidston

#### NEWSPAPER HOLIDAY.

No newspapers are being published in England on Good Friday .--

Above the tragic scene, the ble, the inhabitants of the affected

od to Mude a number of American In the only hospital standing, unharmed.—Reuter's American closed.

Several Moselems are reported to police has been ordered.—Reuter and Service.

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Arhite Rockne, the world famous football coach of Notre

News of the tragedy has come ag a great shock to American sporting circles . where Knutes Rockne was esteemed and honoured for his wonderful successes with the Notre Dame - football squad, which he coached to further triumphs this season; going through their campaign without, ing the Albert Russell Erskine

Kansas City to Los Angeles. burned to death .- Reuter's American Service.

# DEFINED.

A new picture of Gandhi,

96-1b Congress leader.

GANDHI'S TAMOUS

Karachi, Mar. 31. A storm of noisy enthusiasm resounded throughout Karachi to-night at about midnight; denoting the termination of the Ali-India Congress.

The final act of Congress, sitting in plenary session, was to reconditioning and modernising the consisting of an elaboration of alisation programme. The first Gandhi's famous Eleven Points, balance sheet of the Corporation, finition of "Purna Swaraj" (independence).

#### Swaraj Programme.

The resolution demands an Indian native government endowed with various fundamental rights, and lays down a entalogue of detailed provisions, including (a) the abolition of the salt

(b) control of exchange

currency policy: (c) control of military expendi-

(d) a reduction of national expenditure by at least a half; wage for industrial workers; (f) the protection of Indian

cloth by the exclusion of foreign have been about 40 years,

(g) total prohibition of liquor;

#### of Civil Servants to £450 per Viceroy Salary.

Buda Swaral," said, Mahatma class. solution, even the Viceroy

hundred rupces a month!" . Gandhi added that the indepen-Commander Kidston is proceed- dence programme outlined in the. ing via Athens, Cairo, Nairopi resolution would represent the Congress Party, at the resumed Round Table Conference.

> The final session of Congress was protracted by the President's ruling that no decisions could be reached until the return of Hindus and Moslems who were temporarily absent from the Bossion, praying .- Reuter.

#### Cownpore Disturbance. Cawnpore, Mar. 31.

breaks of disease and further trou-

Dame University, was killed to day, in terrible circumstances; in an aeroplane crash, which ocicurred near Emporia, Kansas.

losing a match and again captur-Cup, emblematic of the American football championship.

. The aeroplane in which Knute Rockne was killed was one of five Transatlantic passenger planes which were flying together from

The plane crashed near, Emporla, and immediately burst into flames. Rockne and eight others aboard the "ill-fated craft, were

#### NO PUBLIC FAITH IN LANCASHIRE.

ONLY 4 PER CENT. OF NEW DEBENTURES TAKEN.

London, Mary 81. of first mortgage debentures for conclusions are ununimous.

In spite of the fact that the exhaustive document, offers no engine-room telegraph to reduce interest rate was fixed at 61/2 per opinion on the future of airships, speed. cent. for six years, the underwriters | recognising that it is for others to | A moment or two later, the veswere left with 96 per cent, of the

up by the public. The proceeds are to be used for adopt unanimously a resolution mills in accordance with the rationforming the official Congress de published recently, showed a net loss of £162,368, of which £86,300 was accounted for by the writing

## ket price. Renter.

down of stocks from cost to mar-

#### MYSTERY. MAN FOUND STRANGLED

WITH CORD. A murder has been disclosed by

the discovery, shortly before o'clock this morning, of the body (e) the fixation of a minimum of a Chinese at the rear of No. 15, Austin Road, Kowloon. The man, whose age appears to

strangled by means of a Marks on his hands and testified to a desperate struggl (h) the limitation of the salaries having been put up by the victim before he was overpowered. wore a jersey and a pair of dark cotton trousers, and appears to have belonged to the Inbourer

The man's identity is being in vestigated by the police, who are The present record, established by not be paid more than five of the opinion that more than one person is implicated in the crime.

#### FRENCH AIRMEN ARRIVE.

#### TRIP FROM SHANGHAI IN GOOD TIME.

and Burtin, who are on their home- a little over 50 knots. o'clock this afternoon.

The situation is steadily improv- A Router's message from Shang! 15 to 20 miles per hour. ing. The military pickets have al- hal had previously notified their In these circumstances, at about ter must be associated with a subready been withdrawn in certain departure from that port at 5.30 five minutes past two, her nose stantial loss of gas, and the reports

# COURT OF ENQUIRY

TOUCHED UPON.

### TEAR IN THE ENVELOPE.

EXPRESSING no opinion as to the future of the air hip in aerial transport development, the Court of Enquiry into the R.101 disaster, which took the lives of Britain's foremost airship experts, have issued an exhaustive Report into the cause of the accident, finding that it was mainly due to a tear in the envelope, which spread catastrophically and resulted in sudden loss

The theory that the airship broke in mid-air is rejected, and it is found that no fire occurred until the doomed craft struck the ground.

### THE ESTABLISHED FACTS

London, Mar. 31. | man who was asleep in his bunk The Report of the Court of and to cause things to slide to the. Enquiry into the disaster to the lower end of the smoke-room. R.101, which was destroyed at | The height coxswain by putting Beauvais, all but eight of the 54 his elevator up succeeded at length

for publication. Sir John Simon was the Presi- seconds. The City is extremely disapposint dent of the Court, his assistants At about the time when it aped with the result of the Larca- being Lt. Col. Moore-Brabazon peared that she was not further

value of only £80,000 were taken further pursued, and it is devoted before she struck the earth. The entirely to the cause and case of impact was not severe.

the specific event. For this purpose, important features in the construction and gether with the history of its the view having been taken that former flights are carefully the vessel could recover.

#### Established Facts.

Discussing the cause of disaster the Court started with a Beries of definitely ascertained facts, which trol car. Releasing the ballast in the inquiry established as follows: the nose of the ship which could -When the watch was changed not be automatically controlled, at 2 a.m. there was no cause for was a further and slower operation, immediate alarm known to those in and yet orders were given to do charge of the navigation of the ship. this. The vessel must have been at The fire did not break out til least 1,000 feet above the ground. after the ship struck the ground. The ground itself at this point is two to three hundred feet above,

once get the feel of the ship. gas at an abnormal rate the control gear.

her valves when she rolled. had falled to keep height as the disposing cause. Officer of Watch intended at an earlier period.

### Course and Speed.

ly heavy this could be counter- the prevailing weather, it may well acted by a suitable lift of the have been impossible to bring elevator but in very bumpy weather the ship rapidly back to it would be more difficult to detect a horizontal position, if her nose the rate and the extent of the was forced down in the way sug change. All her engines had been gested. running satisfactorily at cruising speed for a considerable time

arrived at the Kai Tack Acro- not directly in the teeth of the of control even in tempestuous condrome from Shanghal at one wind and her speed over the ditions. ground might be expected to be Experts who gave evidence be-

dropped and she continued in this discusses whether the loss was position for about thirty-seconds, general throughout the length or descending rapidly.

Pirst Bad Pitch.

persons abroad perishing instant in bringing the ship again to ly in the flames, has been released about an even keel, but she remain-

led in this position only for a sow, shire Cotton Corporation's issue and Professor C. E. Inglis. Their responding to the up-elevator so as Ito recover height, the Officer of the; The Report, which is a most Watch gave orders through the

determine whether experiments in sel got into a second steep drive this type of craft should be which lasted for only a few seconds

#### Action Aboard.

The slowing down of the engines, the subsequent modifications and combined with the warning given reconstruction of the vessel, to- by the crew, is only consistent with

> Apart from reducing speed, the only other action that could be instantly taken to lighten the impact would be to drop such ballast as could be released from the con-

#### Explanations Rejected.

First among the explanations de-At 2 a.m. the elevator wheel finitely discarded by the Court is would be handed over to another any idea that the vessel from inheight coxswain who would not at | ternal weakness broke up in the

The weather was exceedingly | Secondly, the explanation is set bad. The ship in her trials had aside that there was any failure of

certainly, by the wearing of holes Thirdly, the Court reaches the in the gasbags and perhaps through conclusion that the accident couldnot be explained solely by reference. On the Indian journey she had to the abnormal weather conditions, rolled more than over before, and although the weather was a pre-

Fourthly, there is no reason to attribute the accident to any fallure in the competence of the Officers of the crew, but in view of If she was becoming increasing- the recent change of watch, and of

### Control in Tempest.

right down to 2 a.m. This ought : Fifthly, a longitudinal gasbag The French airmen, Moonch to give a speed through the air of movement is so limited in extention that, by itself, it is quite insumitive ward flight from Tokyo to Paris, The course of the vessel was clent to account for a serious loss

lieve the explanation of the disasthe ship, or chiefly concentrated in the fore part. Was the loss gradual or due to a sudden catastrophis

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#### AMUSING TALK.

to speak, Mr. C. Champkin delivered an address that was not only instructive but also extremely amusing, at the weekly meeting of the Hongkong Rotary Club, which was held in Messrs. Lane Crawford's restaurant yesterday, increasingly difficult to mind one's under the Chairmanship of Sir own business. William Hornell.

The Chairman welcomed the following from the round-theworld liner Franconia: Licut. the average man are affected by

Mr. J. Walker, of the Chartered sometimes, but none the less Bank, and Mr. W. F. Simmons, of markedly, upon his own most the Hongkong Transways :

In addressing the gathefithe. Mr. Heist announced that he had the average man as to own a house brought a letter from Rotary on the Peak he will be mildly inthe heat greetings to the Hong-covery of a new goldfield in South kong Club. After thanking them Africa, announced in this morn-for their hospitality he assured ing's paper, will almost certainly

Rotary idea did not seem so keen residetices, that excite our admira-in the East as in America because tion and eavy in the course of our Hongkong was the first timesthey upland walks. had been able to meet a Rotary Club since leaving Bombay. He orged Rotarians to get the right exchange broking, he may, not unspirit by attending meetings re- reasonably, be perturbed by the gularly and supporting their own thought that he will have to cut

Rangoon when the Rotary Club buy gold bars on the Kiukiang Road was formed there nearly two years | Exchange. ago, but the Club had never been in a stronger position than at the

"This Silver Business." years ago, when I was manager, a very fortuitous circumstance the of the Mercantile Bank here, a seller has no gold to dispose of, and gentleman from Canada asked me would be vastly amused if he were or horses he could count on me, slightly improper joke.

the whole thing lapsed. has probably not returned to Canada and I do not doubt for one moment that he is still a gentleman. But when I look upon this assembly I feel a kind of unctuous satisfaction in the reflection that I stand, as it were, in loco parcutis to all of you. If it were not so, I would never have dared to talk to you, at literally a few hours' notice, at the urgent request of my friend, Mr. Shields.

It is no less a bold venture on your part than a compliment to me that you should have asked me to address you on this silver busi-ness. I shall try, with some pretence at originality, to deal lightly on what is, at best, no very light affair, and owing to the limitations-imposed upon me by the very brief notice you have given me, I shall necessarily have to deal with it in a very sketchy manner

Economists have had a good deal to say about the shortcomings of silver, but they have been tactfully silent as to its peculiar disability as a graceful topic of interest after an excellent tiffin. We are not, however, altogether wasting our time in examining some aspects of it, because we are now finding out that we have a great deal to learn about silver, almost as much in fact as we have latterly found it convenient, or expedient, to forget

Let me say that the last time I had the honour of addressing a Rotary Club I spoke on the Boy Scout Movement, a subject I was ill-qualified to expound, as what I know of it entirely concerned other people's scouting. Similar-ly, I had better make it clear at once that what I know about currency entirely concerns other

people's hoards. Still, the fact that one has no In spite of being given very personal knowledge of a subject short notice that he was required in no good reason for neglecting

#### The Average Man.

Col. W. Macdonald, I.P.G., Rangoon Rotary Club, Dr. Willard ly impersonal in origin. He
Flint, Pittaburgh, Rotarians W.
Martin, M. Ruyane and G. Fox, all he sees of silver in China is a from Parsons Rotary Club. very imperfect view of what silver Kansas, Rotarian J. A. Heist, Oak actually is. He searcely ever Park, Illinois, and Mr. G. S. Cottle, gives a thought to those mental of New York, who attended the processes in others that act directluncheon as Mr. Heist's guest. . 'ly upon the bullion markets of the Non-Rotarians welcomed were world, and react, vermindirectly

intimate, pirs. ir he in so far removed from International, Chicago, extending terested to know that the disany of them of a welcome in enhance the value of all those "Bay Views," "Buona Vistas" and Rotarian Ruvane said that the other cuphoniously , named

If he is contemplating retirement after long years of honest toil or down his wine bill in his old age if Rotarian Macdonald said that Ah Sin, of Shanghal, decides, for there was some scepticism in some incomprehensible reason, to

Whatever effect this association of ideas may have upon his mind, present time, and was doing a he is not likely to derive any congood deal of work.

Solation from the fact that Ah Sin has no use at all for the gold he Addressing the gathering on buys, and has no intention whatso-"This Silvers Business," Mr. ever of paying for it. Nor will Champkin said: About sixteen he be deeply moved to learn that by if I would co-operate with him in called upon to deliver it. A transanything to do with roundabouts, regarded in Kiukiang Road as a Shang-higher ethics do not.



tween the actual buying of gold and the gentleman from Canada the theoretical selling of silver. Serve our mental energy and let our about it is the tack, that every text- it overwhelmingly dependent upon. dews mature.

Perhaps we may better put it in When we get to silver we are on a coin but a Chinese ounce of silver. this way, that the comparative surer ground. We know what we Except for the fact that it is not a founding in this Colony a Rotary action, however, that predicated higher ethics of bullion demand this ing with something that we under that nobody quite knows how much stand, because, for so long as we of it is silver, the description is ac-It is all rather puzzling but there can remember, we have been on a curate enough, but it calls for but that I had no interest in Folk
Dancing. Those were the days
when Rotary Clubs were in their
infincy. I was transferred to
Shanghai and so far as I know that the restance of the subject rether specially improper joke.

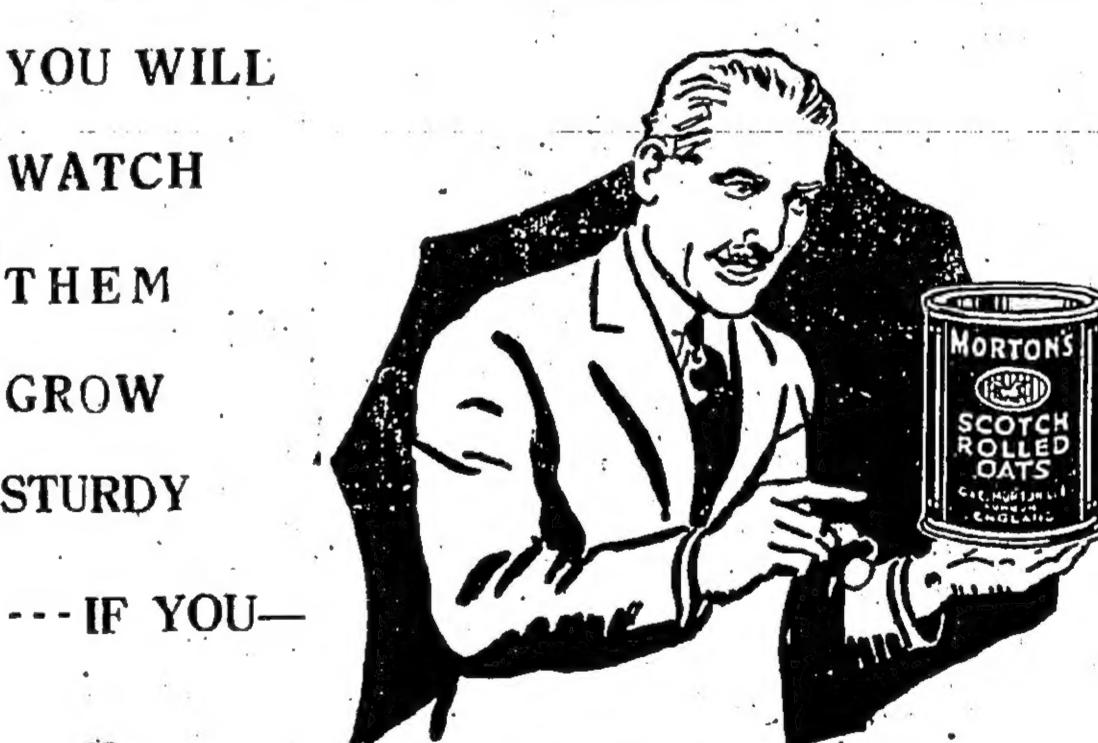
These considerations, of course, is no need for us to bother very silver basis, except for the times much about gold at present. A considerate Colonial Office may give basis. We know that the truth about silver is bar silver, just as about silver is bar silver. Shanghai, and so far as I know profitably, draws a distinction be- over the subject rather sooner than we know that the real truth about monetary tael that dominates the

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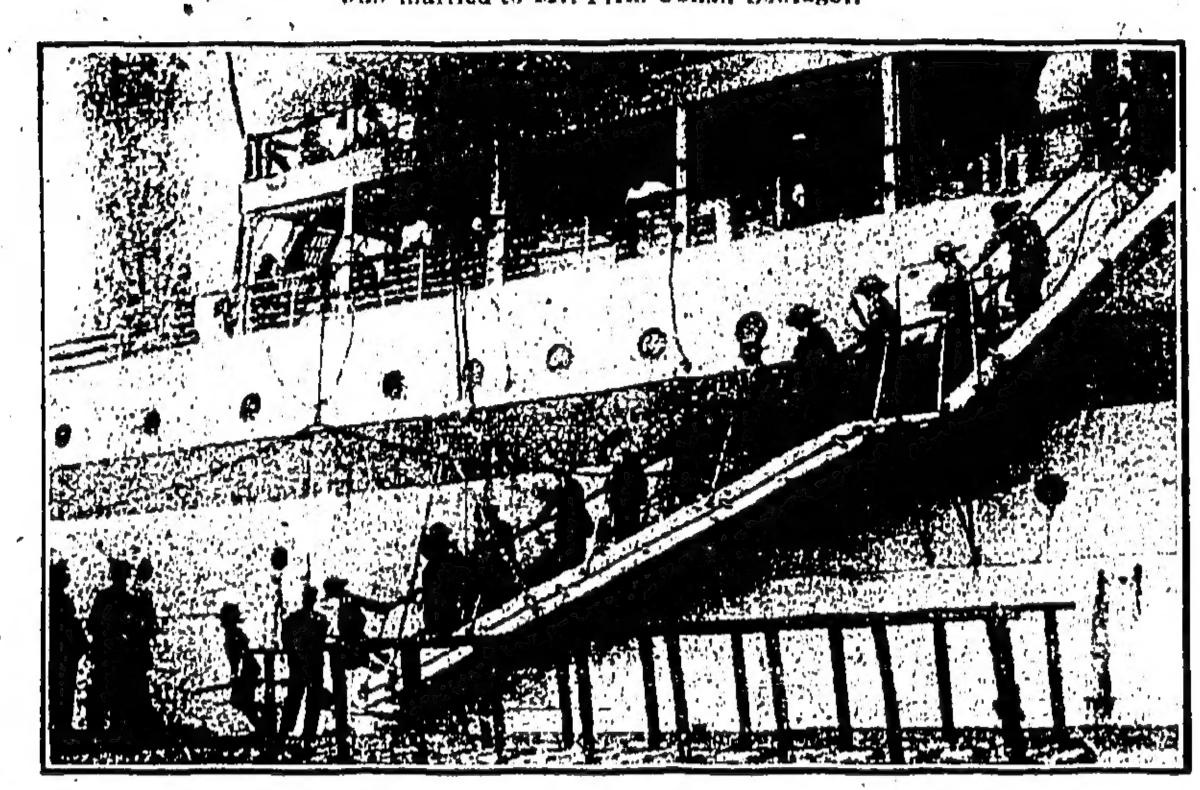


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Photo taken after the wedding at St. Joseph's Church, Shanghai, a fortnight ago, when Miss Charlotte Eugenie Harran, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Harran; of Shanghai, was married to Mr. Fritz Johan Schlager.

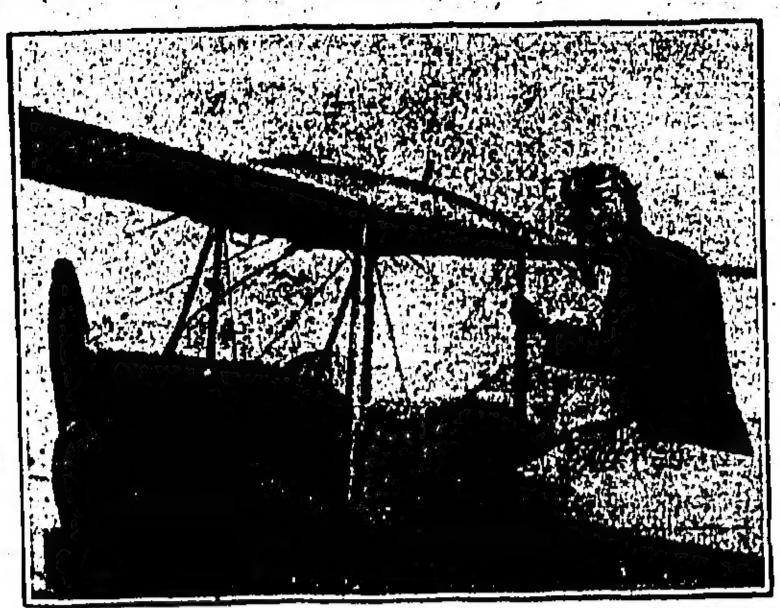


The British transport Neuralia reached Shanghai from India last week and docked at the Old.

Ningpo Wharf. She brought the Northumberland Fusitions from Lahore, where they had been stationed for the past year. Picture shows some of the troops landing from the vessel preparationy to the marching to the Kiaochow Road Camp.



Our photo shows the band of the Northumberland Fusiliers at the head of the battalion as they marched through the streets getting their first glimpses of Shanghai a week ago-



Two Chinese navar officers were killed on Saturday last week when a Moth biplane crashed near Hungjao Aerodrome, Shanghai. The pilot, Lieut, C. C. Chen is seen climbing into the cokpit of the ill-fated machine.



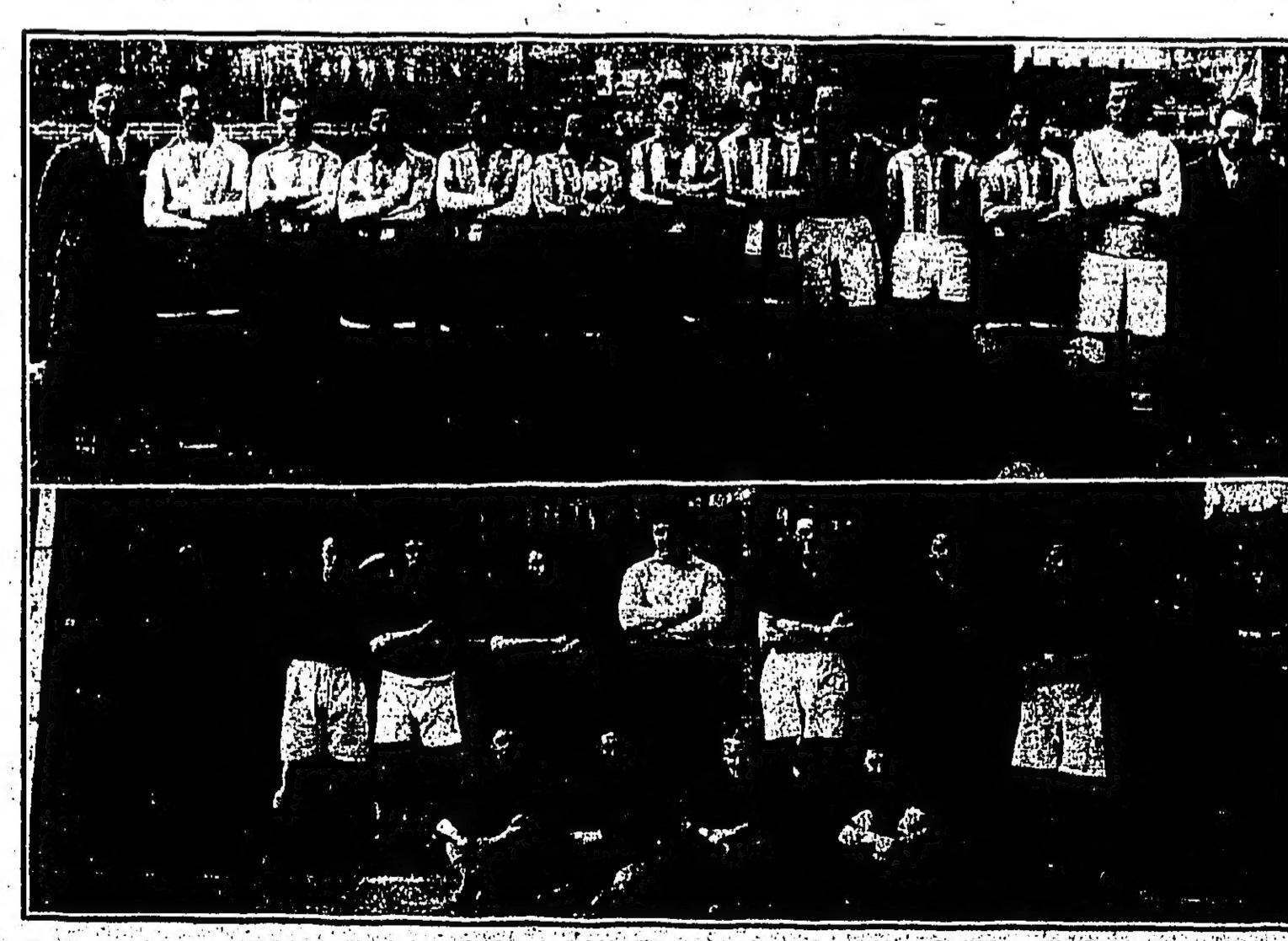
Cadet C. Y. Ling, who met almost instant death when the aeroplane, in which he was flying croshed near Hungjao



Another photo of Lieut. C. C. Chen, who was one of the most popular aviation instructors in the Chinese Navy.



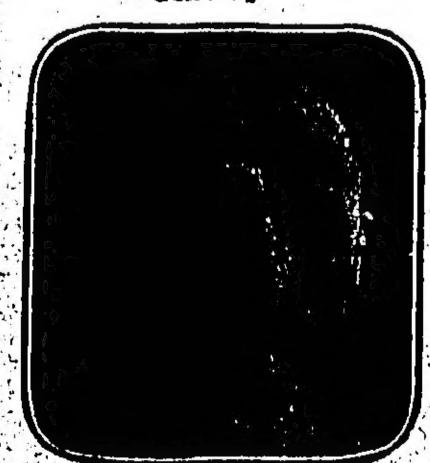
The 2nd Bn. The Northumberland Fusiliers is commanded by Lt.-Col. O. B. Foster, M.C., who is seen on the left with some of the officers.



England (bottom photograph) defeated Palestine in the replay of their International Cup semi-final match played in Shanghai recently. The losers were weakened by the absence of two of their best men.



Sir Arthur Salter, the Director of the Economic and Finance Section of the League of Nations, above, has completed his inquiries in China and is leaving for Geneva.



Dr. W. Vogel, of the German Society for Natural Ethnographical Science of East Asia.



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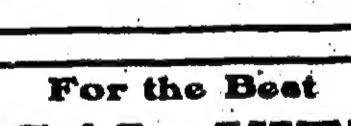
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ON FRIDAY, the 3rd April, and EASTER MONDAY, the 6th April, All Departments will be CLOSED.

#### on these days.

The Hongkong Dispensory, Dis-LESSONS in English with particular pensing Department, will be open 10 n.m. to 1 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

> ON SATURDAY, the 4th April, all departments will open as usual. Hongkong, 1st April, 1931.

#### CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN &

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By Order of the Board.

D. L. KING, Secretary. Hongkong, 1st April, 1931.

#### NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the interest of Mr. Noel Victor Amor Croucher in our firm ceased as from the 31st day of March, 1931.

BENJAMIN & POTTS. Dated the 1st day of April, 1931.

#### NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that we have to-day admitted Mr. Shi Yu Man as a partner in our Firm.

BENJAMIN & POTTS. Dated the 1st day of April, 1931.

#### NOTICE.

hereby give notice that I have retired from the firm of Messrs, Benjamin & Potts as from Broker as from the date thereof under the style or firm name of "Croucher & Co."

N. V. A. CROUCHER. Dated the 1st day of April, 1931.

#### NOTICE.

VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB

The Annual General Meeting of members will be held on WEDNESDAY, the 8th APRIL 1931, at 6 o'clock instead of 9th April, 1931, as previously notified

> JAMES STEWART. Hon. Secretary.

#### NOTICE.

WE have to-day admitted Mr WILLIAM ARTHUR CORNELL of Victoria, Hongkong, Architect, as a Partner in the Hongkong Branch of our business.

PALMER & TURNER. Hongkong, 1st April, 1931.

NEDERLANDSCH INDISCHE HANDELSBANK N.V. (Netherlands India Commercial

Bank) Established 1863 at Amsterdam Hongkong Agency.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that as from 7th April next, this Bank will occupy New Premises at 5, Des Voeux Road, Central. (Opposite

present Office). C. J. ENDERT, Manager.

Hongkong, 30th March, 1931.

#### NOTICE.

WE have this day admitted MR MARCUS THEODORE JOHNSON and MR. HARRIE VAUGHAN WILKINSON, Partners of our firm at Hongkong and Shanghai.

MACKINNON MACKENZIE & CO. Hongkong, 1st April, 1931.

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PARTICULARS AND CONDI-TIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Tuesday, the 7th day of April, 1931, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of Public Works Department, Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Mong Kok Tsui, in the Colony of Hongkong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His days. Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

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PARTICULARS AND CONDI-TIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Tuesday, the 7th day of April, 1931, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Shamshuipo, in the Colony of Hongkong for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years less three days.

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THE HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN.

What to do to help a child.

Anyone knowing of a child who has been assaulted, neglected or ill-treated in a manenr likely to cause unnecessary suffering injury to health, or knowing of a parent who is seeking advice on any matter concerning child, would be doing an act of kindness by communicating at

once with-The Hon. Secretaries, H.K.S.P.C. c/o G.P.O. Box No. 513, Hongkong. or St. George's Bullding, Top floor. All further steps will be taken, and expenses borne, by the

Society. The Informant's name will be kept strictly private, except in cases where malice is proved.

#### THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

The Second Extra Race Meeting will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on Saturday, 4th April, and on Monday, 6th April, 1931, commencing at 12.30 p.m. on both days.

o'clock noon.

There will be an interval for Tiffin after the 2nd Race on both

#### MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Members are notified that they and their ladies must wear their badges prominently displayed.

No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Badges admitting nonmembers to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5, per day for Gentlemen and \$3, per day for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through Secretary upon introduction by a member, such member to responsible for payment of all chits, &c.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will not be on sale at the Race Course.

Members can obtain upon application to the Secretary badges (limited to ONE) for the free admission to the Members' Enclesure of wives, lady relatives and friends. Names must be stated when applying.

On no pretext will children be 3 p.m., at the Offices of the permitted in either Enclosure

#### PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Colony of Hongkong for a term Public Enclosure is \$2, per day of 75 years, with the option including tax, for all persons inof renewal at a Crown Rent to cluding Ladies and is payable at

> Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted half price. Bookmakers, Tic Tac Men, &c

will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hongkong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Tiffin will be served in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure during the tiffin interval.

By Order.

C. B. BROWN.

Secretar: Hongkong, 28th March, 1931.

HONG KONG FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

Notice of Removal.

Effective from the 1st April. 1931, the present office at the French Building will be removed to No. 20, Ice House Street. Ground Floor.

W. E. HOLLANDS, Hon. Secretary

#### NOTICE.

On and after 1st April next, the Hongkong Dispensary Drug Store and the Wine Department, willobserve the following hours of

8.30 a.m. to 5 p.m. except Saturdays, when both Stores will

close at 1 p.m. The Hongkong Dispensary, Dispensing Department, will be

On week days until 7.30 p.m. On Sundays and Public Holidays 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

A. S. WATSON & CO. LIMITED Hongkong, 28th March, 1931,

HONGKONG REALTY AND TRUST CO., LTD.

#### (Incorporated under the Companies Ordinances of Hongkong).

Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong Realty and Trust Company, Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Exchange Building, (2nd floor), Des Voeux Road Central, Hongkong, on Wednesday, the 15th day of April, 1931, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors for the Year ended 31st December, 1930. and re-electing Directors and the Auditors.

The Transfer Rooks of the Company will be closed from Wednesday, the 8th day of April, 1931. until Wednesday, the 15th day of April, 1931, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

C. F. V. RIBEIRO, Acting Secretary. - Hongkong, 23rd March, 1931.

### KOWLOON FOOTBALL CLUB

#### DINNER DANCE,

Wednesday, 15th April; ...

### Peninsula Hotel:

Tickets \$5. Book early as tickets are limited.

THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

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Enster Etxra Meeting, 1931.

In all Handicap Events, if the Top Weight does not accept, all weights will be raised 5 lbs. Owners of Ponies carrying top weight are requested to notify the Secretary at their earliest convenience whether they intend to accept.

By Order. C. B. BROWN, Secretary.

BANK HOLIDAYS. In Accordance with Government Ordinance, the Exchange Banks will be closed for the transaction of Public Business on Friday, Saturday and Monday, the 3rd, 4th and 6th April. (Easter Holidays). Hongkong, 27th March, 1931.

#### LOCAL RADIO. MUSIC FROM THE ETHER

TO-NIGHT. To-day's radio programme to be broadcast by Z. B. W. on a wave-length of 355 metres. 5.00-7.00 p.m. Chinese Programme.

7.00-7.36 p.m. Band Selections. I.a Benediction Des Poignards

(Meyerbeer). Lo Here The Gentle Lark (Bishop). The Skaters (Waldtenfel). The Sirens (Waldteufel). By The Blue Hawalian Waters (Ketelbey).
Jungle Drums (Ketelbey). Barcarolle (Tschaikowsky). Valse Creole (Tschalkowsky).

9822, 9463, 9411, and 9382. 7.36-8.20 p.m. Concert Items. 8.00 p.m. Weather Report, Local Organ Solo-Ballad Memories

Reg. Band of H. M. Grenndler Guards.

(Arr. Maclean). Quentin M. Maclean. DX135. Song-The Kerry Dance (Molloy). Doris Vanc (Soprano). DX157: Song-The Bay Of Biscay (Cherry and Davy)

Song-Tom Bowling (Dibdin). William Hazeltine (Tenor). DX70. Octet-Chant Suns Parole (Tachaikowsky Arr. Sear). Octet-Invitation To The Value (Weber Arr. Sear). J. II. Squire Celeste Octet. 0608.

Song-Roll On, Thou Deep And Dark Blue Ocean (Dale and Petrie). Norman Allin (Bass). 9807. 8.20-8.48 p.m. Orchestral. Light Cavalry Overture (Suppe). Court Symphony Orchestra. DX42. Mississippi (Grofe),

Jack Payne and The B. B. C. Concert Orchestra. 9624. Sennen Cove (Mayorl). Court Symphony Orchestra. 9088 8.48-9.00 p.m. Selections

Musical Comedies. The Chocointe Soldier-My Hero Strauss). .The Merry Widow (Lehar). Paul Whiteman and His Orch. 9460.

The Gold Diggers Of Broadway-Selections. Regal Cinema Orchestra. 9012. 9.00-9.20 p.m. Studio Recital. From the Studio-Selected Pieces by Professor Martenot on his "Martenot"

Instrument. 9.20-11.00 p.m. Dance Programme. Fox Trot-Loving You The Way Fox Trot-You're Lucky To Mc. Fox Trot-I Still Set A Thrill: 2286

Fox Trot-Just A Little Dance Mam'selle. Waltz-You'll Never Realize. CB152. One Step-We've Got To Carry On. Fox Trot-F'r Instance. 2231. Fox Trot-I Love You So Much. Fox Trot-What A Perfect Night For Love. CB146 Fox Trot-Without My Gal. Waltz-It's For You.

Waltz-The Same As We Used Fox Trot-If I Could Be with Fox Trot-Rosmin' Thru' The

Fox Trot-Why Am I So

Fox Trot-Songs I Heard-At Waltz-Down The Lane To Home Sweet Home. Fox Trot-Nobody Cares If I'm Blue. CB158.

Fox Trot-Living A Life of Dreams. Fox Trot-I Want A Little Fox Trot-Okay Baby. Waltz-Wedding Bells Are Ringing For Sally. CB218. Fox Trot-The Little Things

In Life. Fox Trot-What Good Am I Without You. CB191 Fox Trot More Than You Know. Fox Trot-Nover Swat A Fly. Fox Trot-Don't Tell Her What

Vienna. CB200 God Save The King. 11.00 p.m. Close Down.

Waltz-You Will remember

### POST OFFICE NOTICE.

#### MADIO NOTICES.

Individuals and firms are recommended to register their telegra-Letters and postcards for Europe and South America are forwarded via Siberia if so superscribed.

Easter Holiday. On Good Friday, 3rd April; Saturday, 4th April; and Easter Mon-The first bell will be rung at 12 at 8 p.m. in the Rose Room day. 6th April the General Post Office and Branch Post Offices will be open us follows:

Post Office Friday 3rd Monday 6th Saturday 4th 8 n.m.-9 n.m. General Post Office ... 8 n.m.-1 p.m. 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Kowloon Branch ..... 8 a.m.-9 a.m. 8 n.m.-noon 8 a.m.-noon Shoungwan Branch 8 a.m.-9 a.m. .. 8 n.m:-9 n.m. 8 n.m.-0 n.m. 6 p.m.-7 p.m. 6 p.m.-7 p.m. 6 p.m.-7 p.m. Saiyingpun Branch

8 n.m.-D n.m.

Kowloon City . There will be one collection from the pillar boxes and one delivery of ordinary correspondence each day as on Sundays, and one delivery of registered correspondence each day at 9 a.m..

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the holidays.

8 a.m.-9 a.m.

MAIL SNOTICE. The rates for radiotelegrams to AMOY, and FOOCHOW are now:-Foreign & Code ..... 30 cents per word,

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OUTWARD MAILS. .Date and Time Shanghai ...... Chenan ..... Wed., Apr. 1, 3.30 p.m. Sam Shui and Wuchow ...... Kechow ...... Wed., Apr. 1, 4 p.m. Holhow, Pakhol and Haiphong ..... Menado Maru Thurs., Apr. 2, 8.80 a.m. Manila ..... Emps. of Asia Thurs., Apr. 2, 3,30 p.m.

Amoy ...... Tjinegara ..... Thurs., Apr. 2, 4 p.m. Haiphong ...... Canton ......Fri., Apr. 3, 9 a.m. Swatow, Amoy and \*Foochow ..... Haiyang ..... Fri., Apr. 3, 9.00 a.m. Shanghai, Japan and Europe via Saigon ...... Fri., Apr. 3, 9 a.m. Foochow ...... Hulchow ..... Sat., Apr. 4, 9 a.m. Calcutta via Straits ...... Santhia ............ Sat., Apr. 4,

Letters .....4th 9 a.m. Egypt and Europe via Marseilles Fushimi Maru ....... Sat., Apr. 4 Registration ...... 8 a.m.

Parcels .........4th 9 a.m.

G. P. O. (Due Marseilles 3rd May.) Shanghal, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and

\*Europe via Victoria B. C. and \*Europe via Siberia ...... Pres, Taft' ...... Sat. April 4. Registration ........ 12.15 p.m. Letters ...... 1,00 p.m... (Due Victoria B. C., 21st Apr.) Amny Anhui ...... Sat., Apr. 4, 1 p.m. Bangkok via Swatow ...... Knying ...... Sun., Apr. 5, 9 a.m. Hozan Maru . . . Sun., Apr. 5, 9 a.m. Swatow, Amoy and Formosa ...... Foochow ...... Mon:, Apr. 6, 1 p.m.

Letters ..... p.m. Swatow, Amoy and Foschow ..... Haiching ..... Tues., Apr. 7, 1.00 p.m. Swatow ..... Tues., Apr. 7, 5 p.m. Sandakan ..... Mausang .... Wed., Apr. 8, 10.30 a.m. Swatow, Amoy and Foochow ..... Hai Ning ..... Fri., Apr. 10, 2 p.m.

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#### UNION WATERBOAT COMPANY.

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### A SATISFACTORY YEAR

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REPORTED. Mr. J. P. Warren presided over as follows:-to pay a dividend of the annual meeting of share. \$1.25 per share on 27,723 shares holders of the Union Waterboat absorbing \$84,653.75; to pay a Company held yesterday after- Bonus of 25 cents per share

Investments had appreciated by \$64,472.50 and in addition to the \$25,500 transferred from that account to the profit and loss account, a further sum of \$51.897.60 to profit and loss account, a furhad also been added to the re-been transferred to reserve fund. Fox Trot-Why Am 1 So
Romantic. CB161. serve fund, this being in anticipation of requirements in connexion connexion with the issue of bonus

with the issue of bonus shares. Chairman were: Hon. Mr. C. G. now stands at \$68,927.40 which is Mackie, Mr. R. G. Shewan, Mr. A. considered a conservative figure. van Golder and Mr. T. Yamamoto. Your fleet has been maintained. Shareholders present were: in a high state of efficiency and Messrs. A.L. Shields, C. Van Epps, it has now been decided to add to D. V. Stenvenson, O. Ribeiro, same by building another Water I.G.S. Dodwell. E. Ezra, and D.E. boat fitted with a full. Gardner

#### de Souza: Chairman's Speech.

Warren said: Accounts having been in your the fall in the value of the dollar, hands for some time, I will, with the chief items being, salaries, your permission, take them as coal, paint and fuel oil, and in

investment fluctuation account, to our superintendemt who was profit and loss account, writing off absent on home leave. \$17,491,00 towards depreciation of ... The report was seconded by Mr. bonts, and adding \$18,500 to in- C/ van Epps, and carried unanide surance fund to cover the Com- mously, this concluding the bus pany's proportion of insurance on ness.

the increased value of boats 'in dollars on account of the fall in exchange, the profit for the year is \$41,160.02 which with \$4,539.13 brought forward from last year makes a total of \$45,699.15 for appropriation.

It is proposed to deal with same

noon, when a satisfactory year was \$6,980.75; carry forward to 1931 \$4,114.65; \$45,699.15.

The Directors supporting the Investment fluctuation account Diesel Engine, and the latest up-

to-date pumping equipment. The amount of water supplied In addressing the meeting, Mr. In the harbour was about the same as last year, but our overhead has The Report and Statement of maturally gone up as a result of addition to this we had to bear the After transferring \$25,500 from extra expense of a substitute for

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Ottwell Binns in "The Flaming in "Sny It with Songs" than in either Crescent" gives us a thrilling of his other talkies. In some inexnovel of unusual interest. It plicable way he dominates every one opens in the desert, but we are he touches while a picture is in protaken to Paris and Devonshire cost of production and the talkingbefore the story ends. There is catches all the brilliant high mystery and romance in this book, which must be classed as one of the author's best efforts.

"Red Desert," by Harry Edmonds, is a fine adventure overly scenes of "The Jazz Singer" story.. It is a pre-war book in and "The Singing Fool," appeared. which a British naval officer and The crew and cast became so enthralthe daughter of the commander of led during Jolson's first song that a French post in Arabia become business practically stopped. caught in the widespread net of "It always takes a little time for German intrigue. Powerfully Sings," Director Lloyd Bacon exwritten, it holds the reader's interest to the last line, .

of her best work in "The Posy brew enough, not altogether to forget Ring," which is the story of an what I am doing, when the same unrelenting search for a stolen scene is shot again." ring. There is an unusual development when the real thief is put out of danger without the ends of justice being violated.

Ben Bolt can always be relied on to give us a really good story, and he fives well up to his reputation in "The Forest Ranger," which is the story of an English scout with the Iroquois Indians in Canada during the fight for power between the French and the English. An extremely well-written novel, full of thrilling but quite feasible Saturday, situations.

Another Canadian story is "The Lean Years," from the pen of Harold Bindloss, also noted for his exciting tales. The leading character is a young Englishman who forty years ago staked his all on a crop of "squetimes I'm Happy," "More Than wheat and won through despite un- You Know," 'The One Girl" and told handlenps. This is an inten- countless others heard in such shows gely gripping tale, and apart from as "No, No, Nanette," "Hit The Deck," the story it contains some most Interesting sidelights on Canadian development.

"Brotherly Love," a romantic story talking screen. of twin brothers who loved the same girl, who was the ward of one of them, In the course of events, the guardian dies and revelations follow regarding the gambling of his ward's money. A thrilling novel, which is not easily laid aside when once taken up.,

"Denise the Daughter," I sociate with her work. Readers him for it, who like her type of novel greatly appreciate this.

"In "A Way of Escape," L. G. Moberly raises the question whether an unhappy marriage is rendered binding when separation and other circumstances rob it of its significance. The hero of the story is a brilliant doctor who is believed to have lost his life in a fire but in reality escapes death and goes his own way. There is a dual romance in this most interesting novel.

Monkey in Silk," which is based on thrilling episode to another. the old Spanish proverb that "a "Leathermouth" is the title of a The old Spanish proverb that "a monkey in silk is still a monkey". gripping story by Carlton Dawe. It deals with a young man who It concerns a retired Colonel is transferred from a humble home formerly in the secret service who to the palatial residence of his assists Scotland Yard in discovergrandfather, and is an interesting ing the whereabouts of a missing study of his reactions to his new millionaire. How a mysterious life. Needless to say, there is a Arab engaged in international pretty romance introduced and conspiracies is overcome makes a

maintained to the end. E. Charles Vivian can always be to the very last page. depended upon for a really good Joseph Hocking seems to go on thriller, and "Unwashed Gods" is writing without ever running dry one of his most successful. It con- of ideas or themes. "The Secret cerns the tracking down of the of Trescobell," his latest novel, is murderer of a girl, but it is some- set in Cornwall, which he knows thing more than a story of crime. The layer are the first more than a story of crime. thing more than a story of crime. and loves so well. It concerns a trapping of this picture, which may A mysterious woman figures largely, and the climax is well kept.

troduction. He is a master of my- Written in the author's happiest stery thrillers. His latest effort style, it will make a wide appeal "The Factotum" and five to all lovers of his books.

#### CINEMA NOTES.

#### "SAY IT WITH SONGS" COMING.

Al Jolson, the world's greatest entertainer, comes to the Queen's Theatre on Sunday, in Warner Bros. latest all-talking, all-singing picture, "Say It With Songs."

"Say It With Songa" is a personson-Jolson!

There is probably more of Jolson lights, and tender by-lights of his remarkable voice and presence.

While the early scenes of "Say It With Songs" were being recorded, the same difficulties that have beset the

plained to a bystander.

"I'll never get used to it," a camera Effic A. Rowlands has done some man remarked, "but I hope I-will

#### Gloria Swapson In "What a Widow'."

The phenomenal reception accorded brought from England, in her last picture, "The Trespasser," | Colman. He didn't need any. would seem to clearly indicate that fans might do well to jot down the Colmun was a member of the Hadley titles of the three songs she offers | College Team, of Littlehampton, 'c in her new United Artists talking and Junior championship combination that comedy, "What a Widow" was well known in public school which comes to the Star Theatre on | cricket. Later, he played in the Inter-

They are: "Love is Like a Song." "Say Oni, Cherie" and "You're The

The three numbers were written by | ing his band at the famous game, Vincent Youmans, the highly successful Broadway librettist who has been responsible for such melody successes. as 'Halleluinh," 'Tea For Two "Great Day," "Wildflower" and

'What a Widow," directed by Allan Dwan, marks Youman's debut as a Paul Trent represented in direct contributor of songs to the

> Ronald Colman In "Raffles." Ronald Colman reverts back to the

pleasures of his childhood in "Raffles" his newest talking picture which is to As the famous "Amateur Cracks- in London and the provinces.

man" in this melo-dramatic which

come in full swing for an extended

(Continued on Next Column)

complete in itself, but there is also a link between them all. Some most ingenious situations are created, and this book can be thoroughly commended as ideal for odd moments of leisure. Margaret Turnbull has done an The difficulty will be, however, to admirable piece of work in "A refrain from passing from one

tale of absorbing interest, exciting

ning author who becomes (volved in a mystery) and it is a William Le Queux needs no in- problem and a romance in one.

#### SUGAR MARKET.

#### THE LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS.

The following cable at the close

of the sugar market yesterday has been received by Mesars, Pentreath and Co. London Terminals,

March 1932 7/3 down 1/4d. May 1931 6/41/4 down 1/2,d August 1931 6/71/4 down 1/2d.

December 1931 6/111/4 down 1/4d. New York Terminals. March 1932 1.64 up 1 pt. May 1931 1.32 up 1 pt. July 1931 1.40 up 1 pt. September 1931 1.48 up 2 pts.

Sourabaya (31/3/31).—Trust Mills sold further 3,000 tons (old crop) Browns 17.25.

December 1931 1.56 up 1 pt.

Mail has been received at the American Consulate General for the following persons: W. O. Arnold, L. Bruce, W. W. Cadbury, P. Dry, T. F. Haskell, Mrs. S. E. Johnson, D. Kanley, G. H. Koster, H. A. Lane, G. S. McPherson, A. M. Martin, I. C. Moller, C. B. Olivarius, D. E. Palmer, O. Sika, Mrs. S. E. Stauffer, L. C. Tuckerman, Wardley, H. H. Winburg, S. A. Zweibel.

Neither the two cricket conches that Producer Samuel Goldwyn the short music, phonograph record twenty odd experienced players that and radio presentations of the song he gathered together in the picture "Love, Thy Magic Spell Is Every- colony to give the acquence authentiwhere," introduced by Gloria Swanson | city, were of assistance to Ronald

During his boyhood in England regimental League on the team that represented the London Scottish.

Naturally he welcomed the opportunity "Raffles" gave him of renew-

"Alf's Button at the Central. "Alf's Button" a British "talkie" opened at the Central Theatre yester-

day to full houses. The story of Aladdin's wonderful lamp, with the attendant slave who gratified Aladdin's every wish, has always fascinated the reader. So that when W. A. Darlington caused the lamp to be melted down into a soldier's button, and fastence that button to the tunic of Private Alf Higgins, who every time he cleaned his buttons brought up Aladdin's Diffinn, he was writing a story that fuscinated and intrigued millions. And now this best seller, after having been successively a silent film and a stage play! has been made into a he shown at the World Theatre on hilarlous talkie, with Tubby Edlin it the role that he played for months 38 What river vegetation tears

The public always loves to laugh, scored sensational runs on the stage and here is a talkie which is one big Katharine Tynan, is a mystery here and abroad, Mr. Colman engages scream from start to finish. All's story written with that sympathetic in two of his favourite sports, And amazing, and often embarrassing, adtouch which we have come to as- Producer Samuel Goldwyn has to pay ventures are sheer delight. The story i needs no recounting, it is known to Motoring and cricket are the sports everybody, but the talkie has been cancerned. "Raffles" is the first nic- lavishly produced with gorgeous scene ture to show a big league cricket of Oriental aptendor and the services of a galaxy of popular stage and screen stars in the various roles. Prominent in a cast that also in-

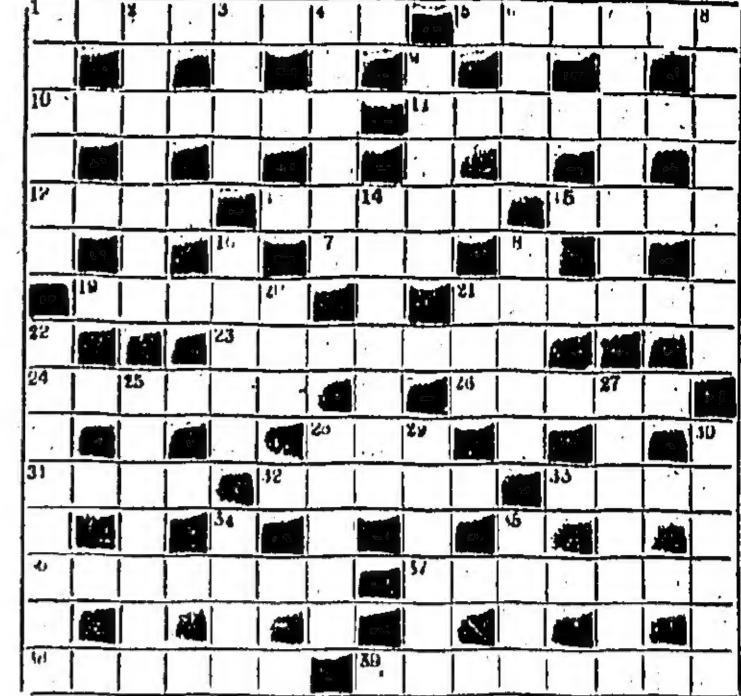
cludes Cyril McLagine, Peter Haddon, Bruce Winston, Gypsv Rhouma, Spencer Trevor, Annie Esmond and Stanley Cooke.

For the film's magnificent "Arabian Nights" sequences, Anton Dolin and Anna Ludmilla with a complete Corps de Ballet present Rimsky-Kornaov's ballet "Scheherazede," and a deliciously humorous burlesque is provided by Nervo and Knox. These scenes, em-bollished by feminine beauty "en masse" and placed in magnificent settings are appropriately presented in colour, and are accompanied throughout Louis Levy's symphony orchestra.

#### The Gold Diggers. The kaleidescope of life on the

Great . White Way of New York is extravagantly presented in "The Gold Diggers of Broadway," the film attraction in technicolour now showing at the Queen's Theatre. An abundance of beauty chorus revues and tuneful song hits punctuate the story, which is one dealing with the including representatives from glamour and pitfalls that are sup- Germany, be regarded as the most elaborate exports of sugar for five years. presentation up to date of "song-and- Mr. Chadbourne, the American dance" romances. There is a strong originator of the scheme, was precast of stars, including Nancy Wel- sent. ford, Conway Tearle, Winnie Lightner and many other well-known screen measure of agreement will be and stage personalities.

#### OUR BRITISH CROSSWORDS.



1 He keeps strict discipline while cherishing art in his inmost

5 All in rapid motion (on a horse). 10 This one contrives, but give him nothing in place of his last vowel and he may, perhaps, leave you some money.

11 A language which appeals to most young people-and others 12 13 neross is frequently this by a

13 Surely this fish cannot be five and a half yards long? 15 This bird cannot gather its young under its wing when dan-

ger threatens. John and his opposite number. Richard Roe, were once well known to litterants. 19 The meat is not as tender, by a

long way, as it ought to be Not, perhaps, a strictly correct proceeding, but the angle, you see, has a great deal to do with

23 Answered. 24 Who said: "Convey, the wise call it: Steal! foh a fice for the

phrase!" 26 These actions are legal. 28 The half of the eleven that goes in first, and comes out last.

I Properly regarded, this number, Romanised, is but four and its reflection. 2 This berry is sometimes mis-

taken for a raspberry. 33 Give this girl ten and look for her on the head of an insect. There is ample evidence that this means to crush.

helps to make a good report. 39 Adornment, two, rented.

37 When sufficiently moved, this

1 Middling. 2 One of the most attractive spots in the Homeland is known as the Cornish ----

3 April at present.

4 Merited. Il Culmination from a spice. 7 This little place near Brighton sounds cutting.

8' A building and its landslogically, the foregoing, 0 Stayl and see the two in 30

14 May apply either to stock or

16 Sharp results follow if this is stroked the right way. 18 It was terrible to see that noble Brahmin now a derelict (hidden).

20 Has a slippery reputation. 21. A short day looked forward to by many shop assistants-

especially girls. 22 She is not 21 down,

25 Draughty footwear. 27 Irish county famous for its woollen manufactures. 28 Sounds like several English rivers, but, actually, quite a small quantity of water does it.

20 "Resent" (anag.). 30 "Words learnt by rote a --may rehearse. But talking is not always to converse."-Cowper. "Conversation."

34 May be found in a church, and helps to make a slip, 35 This metal breaks with a crystalline fracture.

Yesterday's Solution.

#### LAERTESMFLATTER O V I I D O M H E BLINKEREBUILT W DEFEVER OF Y OMENDFILESDANON I NO VE NO I DE LO FOU MATTINGTREADLE 医重量量G包定可用量 / MESS APPLIESTERRIER RELEFFERENCE I BECRUMESPIN A NEW THE RESIDENCE OF THE CO. NECKTIE PORTICO CEFENETEFECTION ENSLAVE TAPSTER

# STICKERS A tree was 63 feet in height. If a cat climbed up the tree at the rate of 11 feet

a day and came down seven feet every night, how long would it take the cat to reach the top?

Paris, Mar. 31. A conference of sugar-growers cuss the Chadbourne plan to limit exports of sugar for five years.

It is anticipated that a reached .- Router.

Yesterday's Solution ....



The mixed up letters and numbers may be formed into the statement, "PRICE \$500," as shown in the diagram. The dollar mark is made by putting the II, or two upright bars, over

SIX DAYS TO CAPE.

PROPOSED DASH IN HIGH SPEED AEROPLANE.

London, Mar. 31. An attempt to dash from England to the Cape in six days in a high speed aeroplane has been launched by the millionaire sportsman Lieutonant Commander Glen Kidston, with the object of impressing the authorities that British airmails can be greatly expedited .- Reuter.

By Blosser

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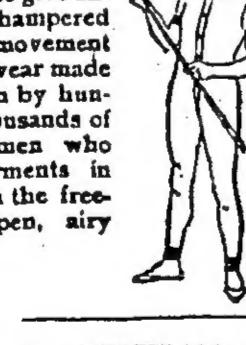
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## Kongkong Telegraph.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1 1931.

#### THE CURRENCY MISSION.

Mr. W. H. Clegg and his col

leagues of the Currency Mission made their first acquaintance with Hongkong to-day and are taking up their difficult task almost immediately. Needless to say, they. are exceedingly welcome. Whether or not their labours are destined to be of permanent value t the Colony is a matter which, obviously, it is much too early to discuss. Nor is it as important as the broad fact that we are to get, at least, and at last, an expert independent view on whether this Colony can safely adopt a gold standard: an opinion which wil be free of the bias which, we are afraid, has contributed preponderantly to the stabilisation 'controversy which has been raging. on and off, for more than twelve months. And there is room for the belief that a definite attempt is to be made to solve the Hongkong currency problem in such a way that the Colony will no longer be at the mercy of the fluctuations of the silver market. That, we believe, is the interpretation to be placed upon- Mr. Ezechiel's speech at Kuala Lumpur, in which he stressed that the most desirable character of a currency must at all times be its stability. Unless silver itself is stabilised there can be no stability for Hongkong's a gold basis. The change-over, everyone realises, offers serious difficulties, but these complications should not be allowed to interfere with the working out of a solution which will prevent a re-

currence of the debacle of the past two years. to the collection of data, the lists will be opened for a full tilt. The anti-stabilisationists will, doubtless, present a strong front, being sat last year. Since then, fortions attached to the premium of The effect of the slump has been fully felt by every local interest, and many individuals and firms prepared to lead their support to the views of the Currency Committee in the summer of 1980 find side ly better than it is. reason to take the

at this juncture. Incidentally, manuscrement measurement measurement and the second s we suppose that Mr. Clegg and his colleagues will be guided to some extent by the report of that Committee, and, though probably it has already been noted, we would draw attention to the curious attitude adopted regarding stabilisation. The Committee disapproves any steps until China; abandons silver, the only justification, they admit, being a geographical link. It is then stated that stabilisation could not be of fected at an arbitrary figure, but the value of silver at the time the change is made. The price, it is added, would undoubtedly be much lower than the exchange admitted partners of their firm at to go back and forward as easily value of our currency at the time mous stocks of the white metal No. 2, Gordon Road, Kowloom, our quota! We feel sure that the front of 236, Queen's Road West, a Currency Mission can suggest Chinese painter received injuries to Greetings from the Atlantic re-

In point of fact, for the purthe Mission is embarking, the as distinct perhaps from the annexures, may be scrapped. It has nfréady led Mr. Ezechiel astray. At Kuala Lumpur he referred to the note premium as still existing and remarked that the silver dollar is hardly ever seen. That should be enough to illustrate how of date. Nevertheless, recent contributions to local discussion West. have revealed that there is a section of opinion, embracing those No. 12, Prince Edward Road, 106 lbs. who fear the loss to Hongkong of exchange business--which we prefer to call exchange gamblingwho pin their banners to the conclusions of the Hongkong Committee. And this conveys a warn-Colony think of allowing those chiefly interested in exchange fluctuations to have "all the say" in representations to Mr. Clegg's emerged, there must be no mis-

#### Unemployed and Employed.

There is one fact about the unemployed situation at Home which is apt to be overlooked, namely, hopefulness. There is ground for that although there are now many more idle people than ever recorded before, the number in employment to-day in some parts of the United Kingdom is far more than for a great number of years. Indeed, if we take the whole of cutlery from the Kowloon British through when the city clerk of correspondent. The operators re-Great Britain, we shall find that School Former Pupils' Association, Saskatoon received a wireless call ceive messages such as "Arab until quite recently there were more people in jobs than at any time since 1923. Statistics issued by the Ministry of Labour disclose that the number of insured people in employment, with June 1923 taken as the 100-mark, was 106.1 for 1930, although it fell considerably by December last, but currency. The only alternative is was still above the 1923 figure. Even so relatively recent as 1929, the figure was 110.5. In Wales and the Northern, parts of England, the situation is admittedly bad, those in work being even less than in 1923, but if we look at the South of England, the position is infinitely better. Still taking 1923 at 100, we find that in June When the Mission settles down last the figure for London was 119, which is only a fraction below the 1929 return, this latter being the highest for the past eight years. In South-Eastern England, last year's mark was 129.9 and in the far better organised than the op- South-West it was 117.9, in both position. Nevertheless, it is to be instances much better than any of hoped that the advocates of a gold the years quoted in the latest basis will not be so backward in statistics. It is most encouraging voicing their opinions as they were to find that, in spite of the general when our own Currency Committee trade depression, there are actually more workers in jobs in the South of England than for a very tunately, the issues have become long period past. Unfortunately, clearer and fewer. The complica- the total of unemployed is now a record, but it is well also to bear paper currency have disappeared. in mind these other facts to which we have drawn attention. Wales and the North of England have been especially hit by the depres-

sion in the coal, iron and steel

and the textile industries, but for

which circumstance the position as

a whole would have been infinite-

### DAY BY DAY

THE MAN WHO WINS IN AN ARGU-MENT IS THE MAN WHO KEEPS HIS TEMPER .- A. W. Laird.

A Chinese case of typhold was reported to the Medical Officer of Health yesterday.

a partner in the Hongkong branch of Messrs. Palmer and Turner.

would have to be determined by removed to No. 5 Des Voeux Road newspapers of the messages sent cordial congratulations Republic of Central, as from April 7.

> Co. advertise that Messrs. M. T. John- and the Mayor of some city or Hongkong and Shanghai.

Ribeiro, No. 2, Minden Avenue, Kowwait for China to throw her enor- loon, to Miss Marie Luiza Remedios, upon the market before we add Through falling from a scaffold in field of ice."

something more comforting than to the Government Civil Hospital for ceived. Please accept greetings treatment. 'A fine of \$10 was imposed on the

Hon. Commdr. G. F. Hole, R.N., for Report of the Currency Committee, Intempting to leave the harbour during prohibited hours. Capt, Parry, of H.M.S. Vindictive,

and the Yangtsze River. The China Provident Lonn and Mortgago Co., Ltd., advertise that

dividend warnants will be available application at the registered office of wilderness when the traveller, it Army congratulate Junior League rapidly the Report has become out on April 8, and may be obtained on the Company, 178 Connaught Road seems, was able to get into contact on election of Miss Rosic Rosebud For having had in his possession at

had not been paid, Leung Wal was ing at about 15 knots, warm sunfined \$1,100 or six months' imprison- shine." ment by Mr. Hamilton, at Kowloon this morning.

After having bitten F. Tamaka, a Japanese woman residing at 404, Hennessy Road, third floor, a brown chow ing. Not for a moment must the dog belonging to Pun O, of 146, Lockhart Road, has been taken to Kennedy Town for observat n. The lady was treated at the Mojima Hospital. Chan Yat-cho, coxswain of the

steam launch Kwong Chee, was fined Mission. Now that a real chance \$10 at the Marine Court this morning President of Mexico "got" the city by the Hon. Commdr. G. F. Hole, council of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, of getting something done has R.N., for failing to provide a screen so as to prevent the port light o his launch from being seen across the take about presenting fully the, bows whilst under way. Defendant views of responsible gold standard admitted the charge,

one month's imprisonment by Mr. breakfast. Most of us are taking Hamilton; at the Kowloon-Magistracy kippered herring." this morning. The accused said she had been given the tickets by a woman in the street to carry.

Making his third appearance before Mr. Hamilton, at the Kowloon lot in fermenting good relations be-Magistracy this morning, Leung Yauchi was sentenced to six and twelve America. As a matter of fact, the found of people who would wish to charges of larceny of articles of first message had hardly got get into wireless touch but have no King's Park, on March 21, and hav- from the President of Honduras, Sheikh, Southern Sahara, with ing returned from banishment before which said: the expiry of his term. The Magistrate concurrently.

#### STEPHEN LEACOCK on

### HANDS ACROSS THE ETHER. BACK-SCRATCHING BY WIRELESS.

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COMMUNICATION CO

Mr. W. A. Cornell has been admitted TSN'T it just wonderful the way | The new international courtesy connected up the farthest parts ed an immediate reply: the earth? I was just noticing "City of Saskatoon and Province

Bank advertise that their office will be the other day the reports in the of Saskatchewan acknowledge back and forward between some- Honduras. We are having a hard body who was travelling in a liner winter." Mesars. Mackinnon, Mackenzie and somewhere-I forget his nameas if the two men had been side by

> First of all, the traveller sent out sident has already got through a Atlantic. I am sailing through a

And the Mayor answered back:

office at my desk." Then back came the return mes- prove on inquiry to be only a very poses of the investigation on which mistress of a trading junk at the sage: "Accept cordial congratula- small part of the messages of the Marine Court this morning before the tions from the Atlantic on sitting kind that are sent back and forward in your office. All here glad to from one great world-centre to the

> Am sailing slowly." And in return to that came the welfare of the world, has been promoted Rear-Admiral and instantaneous reply: "Cordial conplaced on the Retired List. The Vin- gratulations on sailing slowly. All the operating companies, I am able dictive is at present on a trip to the here glad to know that you are to reproduce brief abstracts of one Far East, with units for Hongkong there. Accept best wishes for or two of these, thus :being there ... "

> > Then Another Chips In.

conveyed across the atmospheric -Ameer Afghanistan and entire with the Mayor of another city and as associate vice-president. All wirelessed to him:

"Accept greetings from the Atliantic to your city. We are mov-

finshed the message: "Greetings received. Please accept able to send back a direct, unrelaygreetings from our city and con- ed radiogram straight to the city gratulations on warm sunshine. of Kabul, City Hall office, top floor, We had a touch of rain last night."

important though they were, were Afghani in 4m. 22s. only a few samples of the tremendously vital world information being ficials and members send greetings carried back and forward by radio. That very night, it appears, the

and sent out the vital words:

"Greetings from Mexico City. am sitting in my chair."

very next ether wave:

woman, Kwong Nei, was fined \$50 or President Mexico. We are eating

Fermenting Good Relations.

messages would do a tremendous greetings entire population Essex." tween Saskatoon and Central form me-rather pathetic cases are

"Please send us a message, too. ing to Pilfrim, would like get into had previously adjourned the hearing We have a machine of our own, touch small Republic or Large to hear it summarily and accordingly nearly all paid for. Honduras business territory; good opportunity accepted the accused's original plea sends cordial congratulations to ivory or gin." Or this message, of guilt. The sentences are to run Saskutoon on being in Saskatche- which lay near the other:-

the invention of wireless has which governs these things prompt-

The answer: "Congratulations on hard winter" got through within

I am told that there is no doubt side. I felt lost in wonder to think that the interchange of this last the decision to stabilise was taken. The forthcoming wedding is anof the marvellousness and imporset of messages will do a tremenof the marvellousness and impordous lot for trade between Saskattance of it.

#### let us have your order." Not the Whole Story.

wood, teak, or first-class cordwood,

As a matter of fact, these messages of greeting that are reported every day or so in the current Press. know that all there are sitting there, other, conveying thoughts of labsolutely vital importance for the

Through the kindness of one of

"From Habibullah Khan, Acting Khan of the Khannery of Kabul, Afghanistan, to Secretary of Junior Hardly had this information been League Convention of Lancashire. here join in cordial greeting to all

girls in your league and any other. in placing orders muslin or native head work, don't forget our salesmen. We have had a warm

To this message the League was Ameer's private room, where it But it seems that these messages, was decoded and disintegrated into

"Junior League President, of-Habibullah Khan, or any Acting Khan, or Half Khan. Congratulations Afghanistan on Khan and Khan on Afghanistan. Convey congratulations Army. Don't forget Lancashire for cotton goods."

I am not just sure whether the next message is a genuine one. It And the answer came back by the was tucked away among a heap of them, and in appearance it looked "City Council, Saskatoon, Saskat-like the others. Whether it is tickets in Canton Road, a Chinese chewan, acknowledges greetings progents the milds any rate it regratulating everybody on everything that is making the fortune of

the wireless apparatus. "Sultan of Borneo congratulates William Jones, of Essex, on report-The newspapers of both places ed prize at county show for cabbage agreed that the interchange of these 2ft. in diameter. All here send

> Sometimes—so the operators in second/wireless set formely belong-

"Sultan of Somaliland: Plain congratulations in any European language, except Irish; no extra charge for atmospheric reports."

Looking over messages of this sort the other day I couldn't help reflecting on what a pity it is that the world didn't have the wireless messages in the days of the great explorations and discoveries. How much more vivid the pages of our history would have been!

. I suppose most readers are aware that there is a scientific legend to the effect that wireless was invented and actually used centuries ago by the great Italian scientist and painter, Leonardo da Vinci. Later on, so it is claimed, he deliberately broke the machine, and the secret of the process was lost and not again discovered till the present

If this story is so, it lends an air of truth and genuineness to a message which I found inscribed, along with its appropriate answer, on an ancient purchment. The documents, which were dated "October, 1492," had at least all the appearance of age. The message read:--

"Cordial greetings from Christophor Columbus to King Ferdinand and Isabella. Have just discovered Japan." And the answer:—"King and Queen both here at breakfast in Escurial Palace, second piece of Cordial greetings to everybody you discover. Your achieve-ment greatest impetus onion trade." And yet, after all, perhaps Leonardo da Vinci knew what he was doing when he broke the ma-



This truck's leaving."

#### ROBBERY MUST BE ESTABLISHED.

#### APPEAL COURT AGAINST THE CROWN.

#### DEFENCE SUCCESSFUL.

An important finding in law, educational lines should that a conviction for piracy in oxtended, has decided to conduct Hongkong cannot be sustained examinations in shorthand unless 'robbery is established, typewriting. These examinations was delivered by the Acting are meant to give the prospective Chief Justice (Mr. Justice Wood) in the Court of Appeal this of 16 an opportunity of obtaining morning at the Supreme Court. material assistance in assuring a (Director of Education), gave the efforts, she does not succeed The acting Puisne Judge (Mr. position in business offices. Justice Lindsell) read a short The examinations, the first of tion. judgment in which he concurred which it is hoped will take place. The programme opened with the suddenly passes into the third phase with the finding of the Chief in May of this year, will be open entrance of the May Queen, when she at dives again and strikes

sions the jury returned a unanimous verdict of guilty of piracy against all 12 men, but sentence was suspended pending the argument of the point of law reserved as to whether robbery was necessary to support a conviction for

Messrs, Wilkinson and Grist.

#### The Judgment.

ed out that in his argument Beginners may sit for the London Fon behalf of the Crown, the Attor- Chamber's junior examination on ney General had submitted that the application to the local centre. The decision on the question depended purpose of the examinations is to wholly upon International Law, improve the standard of shorthand The piracy charged was piracy and typewriting. Jure gentium and, by International | Arrangements have been made A conviction for the crime could ber of Commerce for local can-

in any country. argument that a jurisdiction, whether in England or in Hongkong, in respect of an extra-territorial occurrence, could be derived by a Court from International Law directly, without the inter- COMMENDED BY MAGISTRATE ference of legislation, could not be sustained. Legislation said his Lordship, was necessary; and the crime of piracy, being extra-territorial, legislation which was to empower the Court to try the offence, must be legislation of the

#### Imperial Parliament. Court's Competence.

To hold any other view would lead to the conclusion that might be possible for the Court to \_exercise alternatively views obtained from two authorities which might, in time, be found to be conflicting. It would, on that view, in certain circumstances, be conceivable that a Court might act legally in defiance of the limitations imposed upon it by its own con- Richardson and Soloman, who gave stitution.

The competence of a Court was derived from its Sovereign. Judicial functions were a portion of Sovereignty. Unless it received the jurisdiction from the Sovereign, the Court was without power to act. An acquiescence by the Sovereign in a unsurpation by the Court of any portion of the Sovereign's power would not amount to sufficient authority.

#### International Law.

Continuing, his Lordship said he

was of opinion that International Law did not occupy, in the English that the depression has deepened legal system, the pre-eminent posi- and moved to the south of Tokyo. tion which was claimed for it by An anticyclone is central to the instructors. the Crown in the present case, north of the Yangtsze Valley. Lordship's opinion, was founded China Sea. upon a misconception of the constituent elements of International Law which, in this matter, gave no direction, but merely negatived prohibition. Outside elements of territorial jurisdiction, the rule of International Law, on which the Crown here relied, was permissive and not

obligatory. It was procedure and not positive. refused an application for the indictment to be quashed at the local Court as something carved Criminal Sessions. That application, he said, was made on the Admiralty. It might be that the ground that no robbery was dis- High Court of Admiralty, sitting closed. The matter was not then to try a person accused of piracy, argued very fully and he allowed would be bound by the same dethe trial to proceed. He explained that his decision then was Courts in England had adhered. influenced by the idea that the Wider definitions might have their Admiralty Offences (Colonial Act) 1849, 12 and 18 Vict. c. 96, on which the jurisdiction of the Court to adjudicate upon offences committed at sea depended, was, ing his answer to the point of law in its effect, parallel with the reserved was that robbery was Statute of Henry 8th in England necessary to support a conviction and, therefore, that as the later for piracy in the Court, and in-Act authorised the trial both of timated that prisoners would be misdemeanours and/or felonies, formally discharged this afterthe Act of Henry 8th might be noon.

#### LATEST LOCAL EXAMINATIONS.

#### COMMERCIAL EDUCATION ARRANGEMENTS.

For many years past, the British has conducted examinations in friends. commercial subjects.

that the time has arrived when lads and lassies attired in their the scope of its activities along business boy and girl over the age a certificate which should be of panied by Mr. G. P. de Martin ing, which in spite of her utmost

to students of either sex and of characterised in regal style by ground almost at once an angle of The case concerned the Pedro any nationality. In shorthand the pretty Gwenneth Waldron. She a least fifteen degrees". Blanco affair early this year, minimum speed will be eighty was preceded by the shepherds, when 12 Chinese were captured in words per minute, advancing by village lads and lassies, who halftwo junks, after having been seen twenty words per minute to a ed her with the song "The Queen the possible cause of these sucto chase and fire at a Hongkong- speed of 180, and over, should any of May is crowned to-day." bound junk. At the Criminal Sest candidate desire to sit for more are commercial examinations, the used in general mercantile busi- gave a clever and dainty perform- tionally bad ht all stages and we ness, in banking, law, shipping, linsurance, etc.

The case for the Crown was will have to copy work of varying argued by the Attorney General difficulty including commercial (Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster K.C.,) and legal statements, statements together with Mr. Somerset, of accounts and badly written and Fitzroy. Prisoners' case was con- confused manuscript. There will ducted by 'Mr. Hin-Shing Lo, in- be a speed test of ten 'minutes structed by Mr. C. E. L. Grist, of with a minimum speed of 50 words per minute. The fees will be \$10 for each subject or \$15 for the two.

The standard has been made high In the course of his judg- in order to attract the best type ment which took 40 minutes to of candidate. The examinations read, Mr. Justice Wood point- are not intended for beginners.

Law, was justiciable everywhere, with the Hongkong General Chambe recorded by a competent Court didates for these examinations to be examined here. Particulars may In his Lordship's opinion, the be obtained from the Secretary.

#### EUROPEANS CATCH PICKPOCKET.

#### THIS MORNING.

Messrs, B. Richardson and P. J. Soloman were commended by Mr. Williams, at the Central Police Court this morning, for effecting the arrest of two pickpockets who were sentenced to three months, and six months' hard labour resnectively.

According to Detective Sergeant MacDonald, a hawker was walking in Connaught Road, at the junction of Pottinger, Street, when he had his pocket picked by two men working in conjunction with one other, The victim informed Messrs, ballad,

tion, while the second had two. In sentencing the first man to three' months' hard labour and the second to six, his Worship commended Messrs. Richardson and Soloman for their public spirit.

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WEATHER REPORT.

The Royal Observatory reports

correctly construed in the same

#### Court's Jurisdiction.

After referring to the indictments concerning the s.s. Sunning and the s.s. Haiching piracies, and a consideration of the term of His Lordship recalled that he piracy, his Lordship said he regarded the jurisdiction of the out of the jurisdiction of the uses where executive action by the Admiral comes up for con-

sideration. His Lordship concluded by Bay-

#### SPRING FESTIVAL SCHOOL.

#### HAPPY DISPLAY AT QUARRY BAY.

Childhood charms were given Chamber of Commerce, Shanghai, expression at the Quarry Bay a gradual loss spread over the has been the local centre of the School this morning, when the Commercial Education Depart- young pupils took part in the ment of the London Chamber of | Spring Festival, which is always Commerce, and twice each year engerly anticipated by parents and

Memories and visions of old The Shanghai Chamber, feeling English village greens, with the smartest and daintlest, dancing to the merry strains of the Polka and the Spring Song around the May Pole, were recalled in the pleasing performance of these talented children, and the large gathering, which included Lady Peel, accomyoungsters an enthusiastic recep- getting her nose appreciably

Beethoven's "Song of May" was ceeds: advanced examinations. As these delightfully rendered, and afterwards the children demonstrated gas can never be definitely ascertest dictation will embrace phrases the May Pole dance, of which they tained. Her rolling was excep-

Three folk songs were sweetly of projections, some of which may Monday, In typewriting the candidate sung, and the children were equal- have begun to wear the fabric. ly at home with the well-known

#### EXTRALITY DEADLOCK RUMOURS.

Denial in Anglo-Chinese Circles.

#### MERELY SUSPENDED.

Nanking, Apr. 1. Replying to enquiries regarding widespread 'reports that the Sino-British extrality negotiations have reached a deadlock, Sir Miles Lampson's staff states that the reports are untrue, adding that the conversations are merely being suspended over the Easter holidays.

Mr. C. T. Wang, the Foreign Minister, also denied that the negotiations had reached a deadlock .- Reuter.

Last week, in a statement to Press representatives, Dr. Wang Chung-hui, President of the Judicial Yuan, said the Government was determined to effect a complete settlement of the extrality question before May 5th. He added:-"As to the proposal of gradual and regional abolition reported to have been made by certain Powers, the Government will under no. circumstances agree to it. What we seek is complete and unconditional "abolition."

He managed to seize the hand of country air "A Farmer's son so the angle of the elevator, increasthe man who had extracted his sweet," whilst their happy inter- ing pressure due to the buffets of purse, which was passed on to the pretation of "O no, John!" clearly the wind and so forth. second, who started to run away, showed their delight for this gay

chase and arrested the second cul- were the Finger Polka, the model, four feet long, which pre- ing subsequently removed to the The first defendant was stated dances, while the children's band form of the R101, and, by measurto have had one previous convic- displayed unusual talents in their ing the effect upon this model of treatment of Schubert and Beetho- currents of air of ascertained issued this morning, Choung Yiuven, selecting as their numbers, velocity when the model was put Marche Militaire, Gavot in B in various positions in the wind abode, was admitted to the hos-Minor, and Moment Musicale.

> conclusion a delightful entertain- may reasonably be made. ment, which reflected the highest credit both on the pupils and their

#### EXCHANGE RATES.

		•
	Friday.	Yesterday.
1	Paris124.221/2	124.161/4
	Geneva 25,25	25,2534
	Berlin20.3814	20.38 14
	Oslo 18.16	18.16
	Helsingfors1931/	19814
	Buenos Aires 39%	39.1/10
	Athens 375	375
	Shanghai1/31/4	1/31/4
	New York4.85.29/32	4.85.25/32
1	Amsterdam12.12	12.12
	Stockholm18.14	18.15
	Vienna 84.5634	34.5514
4	Madrid 44.75	44.6
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,	Hongkong1/04	1/-
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	Copenhagen 18.16%	18.1014
į.	Milan 92.751/4	92.7514
	Prague164	164
	Lisbon	108.25
Ц	Rio 8.25/82	854
١	Bombay 1/5.27/82	1/5.27/02
٠.	Yokohama2/0.18/82	2/0.18/82
H	Silver (apot) 18%	18.8/10
	" (forward) 18.7/16	1314
	" TAVE WALLY AND TAU	40 %

#### CAUSE OF DISASTER TO THE R.101.

#### (Continued from Page 1.)

gasbags immediately before, the final dive? Or is the explanation entastrophic loss? Three Phases.

After examining the views of the experts on these points, Court renches the conclusion that there were three phases in the final movements of the R101. "In the first, she drops her nose

and descends at a noticeable steep angle for half a minute before, by the use of the up-elevator she is brought back to an approximately horizontal position. The second phase then begins,

and continues for a short time, dur-

#### Inferences Concluding its examination vessive movements, the report pro-

"How the vessel began to lose have had evidence of the existence

The bumpiness of the wind and the pitching of the ships would intensify the strain. Enrlier flights had indicated the possibility of leakage through chafing, and, if the yessel rolled through an unusually large angle, through the intermittent opening

of the gas valves. "But it seems very probable that such as the ripping of the fore

part of the envelope. "Something of this sort had appened on a previous casion, and no amount care could secure that it would

#### never happen again. Probable Explanation.

most probable explanation of the spect of the castings. further loss of gas in increasing quantity and suddenness.

But whatever may have been the precise circumstances, the explanation that the disaster was caused by a substantial loss of gas very bumpy weather holds' the field. This is the unanimous view of all three members of the Court of Inquiry."

After the public sittings of the Court were closed, the National Physical Laboratory was asked to make a series of calculations for the purpose of ascertaining what would be the theoretic movement; of the R101 on various assumptions as to the loss of gas

Experiments Justify Theory.

tunnel. "Hark, Hark, the Lark" and The Court's conclusion as to the "Now is the month of Maying" cause of the accident is shown by were two other chorus songs which the calculations of the National had a cut on the head alleged to were prettily sung, and finally W. Physical Laboratory to be consist- have been inflicted by Choung, G. Hancock ably led the singing of ent with the facts, and to corres-"May-Time," this bringing to a pond to the assumptions which seriously injured.

#### Lack of Trials. Dealing with the lack of ade-

quate speed trials, the report Others present in addition to says, "It is impossible to avoid ;" further the contention Fresh monsoon along the south Lady Pecl were Mrs. Walker, Miss the conclusion that the R101 would keep his coast of China and over the North Skinner (Belilios School), Mrs. G. not have started for India on P. de Martin, Mr. A. R. H. Phillips, October 4th, if it had not been that Dr. S. W. Tso, and Mr. A. O. reasons of public policy were considered as making it highly desirable for her to do so if she could. But this is not to say that the au-British Wireless.

#### GIFTS FOR KING OF SIAM.

#### MARSHAL CHIANG SENDING PRESENTS.

Nanking, Mar. 81. The Foreign Minister, Mr. C. T. Wang, will be leaving for Shangcome the King of Siam.

ing of Ningpo silk and embroidery. American Service.

#### HANKOW FEAR OF RED RISING.

#### **COMMUNIST OUTRAGES AND** LABOUR UNREST.

#### KINNIU CAPTURED.

Hankow, Mar. 31. A sudden revival of Communist outrages near Hankow and Wuchang, coupled with labour unrest in Hankow City, is causing considerable uneasiness among residents, who fear extremist developments similar to those of

Japanese sources state that tense

feeling exists among the thousands of labourers working on the Bund and on foreign steamers. Many of these workers are making heavy demands on Chinese firms, By far the most serious incident but continues horizontal, until she is reported from Kinniu district, some twenty miles south-east of Wuchang, the commercial and industrial centre of Hupch. Four thousand Communists, who made a sudden appearance, captured Kinniu after a brief battle with the Government forces. All wealthy' individuals and firms

were robbed. This affair has caused much indignation in Wuchang.

The Communist hordes, who vere well armed with modern to the componer retreated at dawn on were well armed with modern weapons, retreated at dawn on

#### ALLEGED BREACH OF TRUST.

#### BAILIFF'S WATCHMAN ON SERIOUS CHARGES.

A breach of trust by fraudulentthe more serious and sudden loss by converting goods which had of gas which followed, was con- been left in his charge as a nected with a specific misfortune bailiff's watchman, was alleged against Wong Sik, who appeared before Mr. Williams at the Central Police Court this morning.

The defendant, a watchman under engagement by the Official Receiver, was charged with fraudulently converting to his own use six sacks of iron castings at 24. If a tear had begun in the fore Wing Wo Street, ground floor, part of the envelope it would tend where he had been posted and to develop into a larger tear, placed in charge of the goods so which would both check the speed that he might retain them in safe and expose the gasbags to custody. There was also an aladditional strain. This seems the | ternative charge of larceny in re-

Mr. F. X. d'Almada, jnr., appeared for the defendant and asked his Worship to flx a date for the hearing of the case, at the same time applying for bail.

The defendant was remanded until Thursday, April 9, at 2.15 p.m. bail being allowed in the sum

#### YOUNG CHINESE IN FIGHT.

#### BOTH IN HOSPITAL WITH STAB WOUNDS.

During a fight between two young Chinese in Graham Street yesterday afternoon, one of the men received a stab wound to his . These calculations were assist- shoulder while the other sustain-Exceptionally well performed ed by experiments made with a ed an injury to his head, both be-Friendly Nod and the Burgomaster cisely reproduced the external Government Civil Hospital for

> According to a police report man, aged 22 years. of no fixed pital, with a stab wound on his left shoulder, said to have been inflicted by Lee Hi, aged 16, also: of no fixed abode. Lee himself The latter, however, was the more

#### AIR FORCE STATION INSPECTION.

#### SIR' JOHN SALMOND MAKES QUICK FLIGHT.

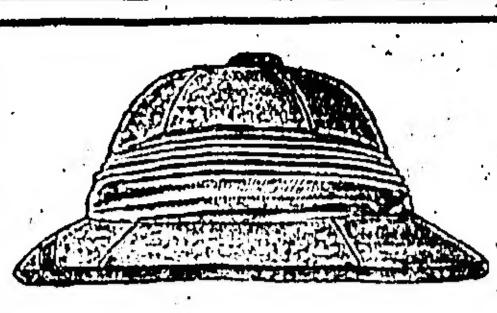
London, Mar. 31.

The Air Chief Marshal, Sir John thorities, political and technical. Salmond, who is to make an who were responsible for or ac- inspection tour of the Air Force quiesced in this decision, would Stations in Malta, Egypt, Palesever have done so if they had tine and Trans-Jordan, arrived at considered that the risk that was | Malta this afternoon in one of two being taken was unjustified"- Iris flying boats which flew 730 miles from Marseilles in 71/2 hours. -British Wireless.

#### MR. STIMSON'S FIRST ASSISTANT.

#### MR CASTLE APPOINTED UNDER-SECRETARY.

Washington, Mar. 81 President Hoover has appointed hai on Thursday to represent Mr. W. R. Castle, Junior, to be Un-Marshal Chiang Kai-shok to wel- der-Secretary of State in succession to the late Mr. Joseph Cotton. Mr. Wang will present His Mr. Castle has been an Assistant Majesty with some gifts from Secretary of State since President Marshal Chiang Kal-shek, consist- Hoover took office, Reuter's



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the casiest manner, conceding only one game in two sets.

From the initial stages of the rather one-sided contest, the winners assumed complete control of the exchanges, and because of the poor opposition it is rather difficult to judge their chances against the Japanese pair in the next round. At the same time they, revealed many qualities of combination, and confidence in their abilities, together with the reproduction of current form, should be sufficient to carry them into the semi-final. into the semi-final.

Ho Ka-lau and Yew Man-kit were rather more extended by the Lees, the match running to 2 twenty-two games before decision. It was a much more attractive | engagement than the other tie, all four players brightening up the 3 rallies with good exhibitions of over-head work. Ho and Yew won deservedly, but the losers can be well satisfied with their display against a more experienced pair.

The full results were:
Open Doubles.—Sullivan and Goldman beat Segalen and Zimmera 6-1,
6-0; He Ka-lau and Yew Man-kit beat-

Lee and Lee 7-5, 6-4. Handicap Dougles .- Robinson and De Linde bent Bowker and Gordon De Linde bent, Bowker and Goldon 6-4, 6-2; S. E. and S. D. Green bent Prior and Brooks 6-3, 3-6, 7-5; Keyser-Hag and Jensen beat Coltman and Tufton 6-1, 6-3; and Wood and Lenox bent Ferguson and Wilson. Handienp Singles "A",—Henderson bent Denne 6-1, 6-2.

#### To-day's Matches.

The following matches are down for decision to-day: Open Singles, A. L. Sullivan v M. W. Lo (stand court); Chau v

Mixed Doubles,-Mr. and Mrs. Dowley v Holmes and Mins Taylor;
Jensen and Miss Larsen v Barton and
Miss Hallifax; Clarabutt and Miss
Brown v Price and Miss Jones;
Stock and Miss Lang v Ride and Miss
Rudge; and Sewell and Mrs. Piercy
v Humphreys and Miss Thomas.

#### SHARE PRICES.

comment in the second

#### TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Mercantile A. and B., £251/2 n.

#### East Asia \$118 b. Insurances. -

Hongkong Bank, \$2015 b.

Chartered Bank, £161/4 n.

Canton Ins., \$1380 sa. Union Ins., \$620 b. China Underwriters, \$3.60 b. China Fires, \$535 n.

#### H. K. Fire Ins., \$1300 n. Shipping.

Douglas, \$25 n.
H. K. Steamboats, \$25% b.
Indo-Chinas, (Def.) \$30 n. Union Waterboats, \$351/2 n. Div Mining.

Bénguets, \$10 n. Kailans, 33/9 n. S'hai Explorations, Tls. 5/1/2 n. Raubs \$38 b.

#### Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$161 n. Whampon Docks, \$29½ b. South China Motors \$10 n. China Providents, \$5.10 b. X. Div. Hongkews, Tls. 282 b. New Engineers, Tls. 5% b. Shanghai Docks, Tls. 108 b.

Cottons.

Ewo Cotton Tls. 14.45 b. S'hai Cotton Tls. 10. b. Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$14.30 b. H. K. Land \$84½ b. S'hai Land Tls. 418 b. Humphreys, \$16.50 s. Realties, \$10.90 b.

#### Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$17.75 b.
Peak Trams, (old) \$14½ n.
Star Ferries, \$90½ b.
China Lights, (old) \$24.70 s.
H. K. Electrics, \$78 b. Telephones, \$49 b. China Buses, Tls. 18.20 n. Singapore Tractions, 6/6 a.

#### Industrials.

China Sugara, 80 cts. n. Malabona \$40 s. Canton Ices, \$8.30 s. Cements (Comb.) \$16.90 b. Ropes, \$13.50 n. Venz: Goldfields \$3.75 b.

#### Stores, etc.

Dairy Farms. \$241/2 b. Watson, \$12.60 n. Der A. Wings, \$1, n. Lane Crawfords, \$4.25 sa. Mackintosh, \$20 n. Sinceres, \$1814 n. Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$20 n. B'que Ind. G. Bonds, \$68%



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#### RUGBY FOOTBALL.

CLUB "A" TEAM TO PLAY H.M.S. MEDWAY.

RECORD.

London, Mar. 31.
The death is announced of Colonel William Fanshawe Gordon.

Reuter.

[Colonel William Fanshawe Gordon. of the Surgeon F. W. Gordon. of the Bengal Staff Corps. He was born in 1875 and educated privately and at Sandhurst. He entered the K.O.Y.L.I. in 1894 and by 1900 has renched the grade of captain. He

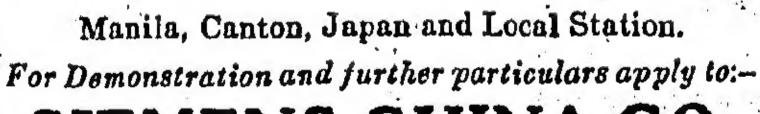
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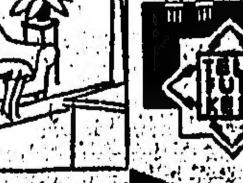
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### AFRICA.

#### BIG PORT DEVELOPMENT SCHEME.

In May, 1921, the Governor of And if the truth were known, ed to urge upon the Colonial Minister that the entire effort to should be concentrated upon Pointe Noire which should be equipped on thoroughly up-to-date

was completed.

The actual construction took up small. 1,600 cubic metres of cement concrete, 4,000 linear metres of stone, and 300 cubic metres of lime concrete. The equipment comprises a pipe for drinking water, con-By far the most frequent causes | nected with the town main, and lines linked up with the Congo-Ocean Railway: 8 three-ton travelling cranes, mounted on rails metres apart, and two stationary

> deal romains to be done in order pig iron and 200,000 tons of steel. to complete the projected scheme. in the first place a breakwater, 1, actually hit the French Iron and 790 metres long, 800 metres of which will bent off the direct assault of the waves, while 900 metres will ensure the protection

> Inside the breakwater, there will be a harbour, covering a shel- 1930 the output was 3,246,000 tons tered area of about 225 acres. of pig iron, while in October it The channel available for ships of fell to 2,164,000 tons. As to steel, a draught exceeding 10 metres the decline is more startling still: under full load will be at least 150 as compared with 4,300,000 tons in metres wide.

> The deep water harbour will comprise a pier, 190 metres long; a graving dock, 100 metres wide, was already observable in the prowith a mooring pier, 60 metres long, adjoining it for the use of for the year 1929, but at the same craft that can be repaired affoat. time it was indicated that there A truct, 10 acres in area, is set apart to permit of the establish-ment of the reprising plant, of a base for scaplanes, and of naval the year, however, an increase of construction yards.

The carrying out of this work of obvious importance, is expected to necessitate an outlay of 300 blast furnaces in operation. million francs, out of the 767 milby the Chamber of Deputies.

It has been opined in some quarters that the sponsors, of this scheme were men of "oe'r leaping the more clearly when we come ambition" and certain it is, con- to compare the decline in France sidering the conditions in French with that recorded in other Equatorial Africa only a short countries. Lumping together, for time ago that works of such mag- instance, the production of the nitude would seem to have been United States, Great Britain, AN HOUR WITH SCHUBERT. devised by engineers afflicted with Germany, France, Belgium and "swelled head." It is necessary, Luxembourg, we find that for the however, to have an eye to the fu- first ten months of the year 1929, ture, to discern the considerable the total output of pig iron was amount of traffic the Congo-Ocean 69,275,000 metric tons, while the Railway will give rise to. The nature of the goods that will nou into Pointe-Noire is highly diversified; ores of various descriptions huge quantitles of farm products, such as cotion, palm oil and palm kernels, castor-oil, etc. as well as sundry products of the forests; chony, mahogany, ly. "ekoume." etc. It is impossible to foretell the vast amount of business that will ensue if-bat only if-the great port under construction is completed on the full projected scale.

> ALLEGED FALSE PRETENCES:

WATER SERVICE AUTHORIT CLAIMED.

At the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, before Mr. Hamilton, Li lu-sang appeared to answer two charges of having obtained money

by means of false pretences. The first was of having obtained five years attacking Mr. Redway \$80 from Ho Kam-lin by representing a financial journal controlled by ting that he would expedite the Merrick, an article appeared elselaying of the water service to Ho's where criticising Merrick, who property at Nos. 201, 203, 205, and issued a writ for alleged libel. 207, Tong Mei Road, Shamshuipo District, when in fact he was not

in a position to expedite the work. The second charge was of having obtained unlawfully, with intent to defraud, on or about March 11 from Ho Kam-lin, by implying words and conduct that he had been authorised by a certain European official to collect \$50 for the purpose of making a presentation to the European, with a view to influencing him to facilitate the Horwell stated that he overheard laying of water service to certain the following conversation: dwellings in Tong Mei Road, whereas he had not been authoris-

ed to do so. Mr. F. H. Loseby, appearing for the defendant, asked for a remand. He also intimated that the Crown Solicitor would conduct the prose-

A week's remand was granted.

We are informed by the Registrar that the annual meeting of the Court of the University, held for the purpose of receiving the Budget for 1931, has, for unavoidable reasons, been postponed until 5.15 p.m. on Monday, April 27. The meeting will be held in the University.

#### FRENCH EQUATORIAL FRANCE AND WORLD DEPRESSION.

#### IRON AND STEEL FIRMS' REPORT.

It is well known how unfavour-French Equatorial Africa decid- ably the year 1930 affected industry all over the world, particularly during the last six months. One provide that territory with a port might have expected, in surveying the activities of the French Iron and Steel industry, to meet with but few hopeful results. Yet though the last twelvemonths end-In 1925, a beginning was made ed unfavourably in comparison with the laying out of the har- with its earlier months, it is none bour: the building of a wharf was the less a fact that in France the put in hand, and by 1929 the work evil effects of the world crisis in this important branch of heavy Industry have been comparatively

Let it be observed, in the first place, that during the first halfyear not only did the production of pig iron maintain itself on the level of 1929, a favourable year, but the output of steel progressed alightly. The month of May, more particularly, was marked by a record production-855,000 tons. It was during the second half year that the output was unfortunately smaller and that the advance achieved in 1929 was lost, the pro-As may be supposed, a great duction falling to 350,000 tons of

It was therefore in July that the The general scheme comprises general crisis affecting the world Steel Industry. Without comparing this situation with that afforded by other countries, let us rapidly indicate the figures recorded in the United States for the production of iron and steel. In March March, the output was but 2,720,-000 tons in October.

Last year, a sort of stablisation duction of the Iron and Steel trade was no likelihood of any advance. in 1930, but rather the prospect of a declining output. At the end of a few units was recorded as compared with the average number of

· Comparing the figures with lion france of the loan just voted those of 1929, it is clear the decline has been slight.

> And this condition stands out corresponding output for the first ten months of 1930 works out at 55,811,000 tons only. Similarly for steel, the total production of the same countries for the corresponding periods was, 85,722,-000 and 65,405,000 tons respective-

#### POLICE EMPLOY A MICROPHONE.

2500 AND ALLEGED MENACES.

Oscar Hull Merrick, aged 53, 31 West Byfleet, Surrey, and Edwin Stuttle, aged 46, of Rickmans-worth, appeared at Mariboroughstreet Police Court recently charged with being concerned in demanding £500 with menaces from Mr. C. P. Redway, stock and share dealer, of Clifford-street, W., on February 20.

Prosecuting counsel alleged that after a series of articles during

It was then alleged that Merrick and Stuttle, acting together, de-manded £500, promising to stop further attacks if the action were not defended and the money paid. Mr. Redway called in the police and fitted up a microphone, by means of which Inspector Horwell listened to conversations between Mr. Redway and the two men.

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"Mr. Redway-I am not paying any money to you regarding the case. I can defend myself. My worry is these articles.

"One of the men (Merrick and Stuttle)—You can forget it. You will see no more attacks if you pay this money.

"Mr. Redway-Are you going to

"One of the men—I tell you honestly, for £500 I will chuck it." When arrested Merrick and Stutile declared that they had come only to discuss law costs. The hearing was adjourned.

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#### SANITARY BOARD MEETING.

COMMITTEE APPOINTED FOR REVISION OF ESTIMATES.

At a meeting of the Sanitary Board yesterday afternoon, a minute was put in by the President (Mr. G. R. Sayer) relative to the appointment of a Committee to consider the proposed changes in the Estimates of the Sanitary Department for the present year.

Mr. Wong Kwong-tin seconded the appointment, and the proposal was carried. The following were appointed to the Committee: Dr. W. V. M. Koch, Dr. R. A. de Castro Basto, Mr. M. K. Lo, and Mr. T. N. Chau.

In connexion with an application for the retention of a urinal at No. 307, Queen's Road Central, the Director of Public Works (Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy), in moving for its rejection, said the upinal was one in excess of that approved by the Board. On that ground and also in view of unsatisfactory conditions resulting from limited space in a backyard and from the premises being very crowded, he asked for the removal of the urinal.

The motion was agreed to.

Members present included Mr. G. R. Sayer (presiding), Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy, Dr. G.W. Pope (Medical Officer of Health), Dr. W. V. M. Koch, Dr. R.A. Castro Basto, and Messrs. Wong Kwong-tin, F. C. Hall and T. N. Chau; and the Secretary, Mr. J. H. Gelling.

#### DUMPING OF BODIES.

MORE MALES FOUND THAN FEMALES.

London, Mar. 31. In the House of Commons Dr. T. Drummond Shiels, replying to a question put by Com-mander Bellairs, informed the interrogator that of the dead bodies of children found in the streets of Hongkong during the year 1929, out of the total number 956 were

of males and 788 of females. Upon this answer being given Mr. Skelton, member for Perth, remarked: "This is more suitable for the Grand Guignol than for the House of Commons."



GERMAN CLUB.

OPENING OF NEW PREMISES LAST SATURDAY.

Last Saturday night witnessed the re-opening of the German Club in Hongkong, which has its now premises on the fourth floor of No. 2, Connaught Road C.

This club is the resuscitation of | clous dining room over a. hunthe "Club Germania," which was founded here in 1850 and had its gural dinner on Saturday and the premises on Kennedy Road, when hall was successfully ased for the war broke out in 1914. The new premises have been very tastefully furnished and form a suitable home for the revived club. The fint has been entirely refitted

purposes. There is a

dred guests sat down to an inaudancing afterwards a large drawing room, Ladies' room, Card Room, Library and, last but not least, a very comfortable Bar. The "Deutscher · Klub" is to be and lends itself very well for club | congratulated on its successful



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### For Ginger's Sake.

By ETHEL HUESTON...

DEGIN HERE TO-DAY.

purchased an old farm house and remodelled

T. Red Thrush came Bard Holloway, a handsome and he could cook and sing and girls. strum a gultar. He would make a pictures-

HONGKONG Ners guest, Hut and dinger's in the over. Speed would give Hard some competition and come, pleading loyality to Eddy Jackson. It was common talk, and she did cabins of all vessels, and cabins Nos. Whereupon Ginger went to Eddy. Eddy not deny it, that she had married 101-104 of "H" class steamers have received word that Speed was bringing his the minister so she could share his been waived; but A rates will be apalater with him she got Eddy to come too. daughter. make life miserable for Ginger. Meanwhile

CHAPTER XXIV

Years before, when Benito was yet a young man, he had learned but inevitably. Lightning flashes Between that the world is redolent with of inspiration came to him, but the Japanese Ports 892 887 897 888 8102 890 opportunities ripe for the har- subsequent details were the fruit Shanghai vest, and with that knowledge the of laborious effort. seeds of ambition sprouted in his Inspiration told him instantly effective from the s.s. Hakone Maru, to retire to a rural spot, but he was held for ransom, that Mrs. Tolliver 1931, on the westbound voyage, and less petty privations of common release. farm life in Italy. -

princes and gentlemen on their vast | The girl must be kidnapped, the same amount of travelling expenses.

rich than they.

ers like themselves. But Benito's inspiration.

Upen his arrival he had been quick to appraise the costly apclothes worn by Ginger and Mrs. successful accomplishment of a down in the honeysuckle." Tolliver, the two finely bred horses project as sinister as that he con- Benito shook his great head Benito will never leave us." saddled at the mount.

Ginger was the apple of the fines of Mill Rush. older woman's eye. Mrs. Tolliver's slight air of annoyance at the admelted in to an amused tolerance safest way out for him lay in lower-when Ginger admitted it was of her doing The money that lay be-bottom of the river, once and for the window. I had robins up there ample time to compose her mind to the well-kept establishment. plainly belonged to the woman.

their unusually slow oscil-

"www.www.www.www.ww. There was nothing that smacked To keep life from growing too dull in Red of wordly affluence in the manners Thrush, lows, Ginger Ella Tolliver organized of the mild and modest minister.

a Junior Country Club. It was to be something exclusive—just for the "younger set."

Even in the oyes of a novice he Accordingly Ginger, whose father was a min-later and whose stepmother, the former Phil as a more accessory to the menage.

Van Doorn, was both wealthy and indulgent, Neither had Benito overlooked

Ginger's breezy freedom, the loose To Red Thrush came pard pollower, her almost un- case of passage from Hongkong), pore country. Attracted by Ging ir, he agreed to limited independence. These were during the seasons of July to Decem-

Certainly Ginger Ella was the ap- B Rates are applied.

Henito has made a trip to Chicago and re- Ginger was to inherit every cent B rates for single-berthed cabin on she had to her name. And then those ships and C rates for singlewouldn't the money fly!

Benito's mind worked slowly as follows:

mind. True, he wished eventually that Ginger must be kidnapped and sailing from Yokohama on July 13. not to be satisfied with the count- would gladly pay any sum for her on the castbound voyage from the s.s.

To get hold of Ginger who was on April 10, 1931.

money pocketed, and the entire They would have fine houses, big episode closed, without the finger son of the soil.

ents slowly, surely, to its acquire- small way, and he knew it could be sideration. done. Would, alas, that he were one Getting the money from Mrs. Chinese officials and officials of Paid-Up Capital .......... 24,710,000.00 In the meantime, Maria had of the master minds of which he Tolliver, who had more than she the Eurasia Aviation Corporation Reserve Fraces. grown fat and careless, and the read so fatuously in lurid detective needed and would never miss it, is being held at Nanking to dischildren had grown up and married stories, to whom details of crime, was all in the fourse of a day's cuss details concerning the estabfarmers and the daughters of farm- like its conception, were born of work. The fortible retention of lishment of the Nanking-Berlin

were marked characters, there be- course, in case of direct necessity. |-Renter. every one he encountered.

This was a pleasant and flattering problem he had to solve. point pictures of Doorndee. He had state of affairs when the errands "Benito," Ginger called cheerily, "Bard," whispered Ginger,

Benito signed. He realized, of gested Bard lightly. vent of the three Italians had course, that the simplest and "But I think," said Benito more pleasure. That they postponed hind the well-kept establishment all. But Benito was at heart a kind this morning looking it over."

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Certainly Mrs. Tolliver was rich, of all the passenger steamers, including the ing the ing

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By this arrangement made by the will be able to make a more interest- THE SHANGHAL-ICHANG LINE among them. He would bring his would be child's play. But like all ing and comfortable trip to the Eurowife and children from the old great inspirational projects this pean Continent than by taking the country, and they would be like was not without its complications. Siberian route, and for almost the

cial engagements, countless rich main in complete ignorance of her Ginger was a nice, bright, up set out, piloted by Erich Just, who friends to dance and dine and wine abductor. No easy matters these for standing girl. Benito liked her. during the War was a member of with them—friends just a little less the slow-working brain of a simple Both by temperament and by in-the famous "Richthofen's Flying These things would require It could be done, of course; all needless cruelty and bloodshed. His vice will shortly be extended from georganised October 16, 1929, ander special money. And for 15 years Benito things were possible. Benito was preference in business dealings lay Ichang to Chungking and Cheng- charter of The National Government as an had been turning all his native tal- somewhat of a philosopher in his always along the route of kind con- tu.

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not failed to remark the expensive were ordinary and innocent, but "come quick and build a new must do something to attract motors, the simple elegance of the would be a fatal hindrance to the bird nest. There's a humming bird the birds in the country. As long

templated. It meant that during sadly. "Humming-birds don't nest Having provided in every way her abduction Ginger must be con- in boxes, Miss Ginger," he said re- possible against every conceiv-One glance had told him that cealed somewhere within the con- gretfully. "They make their love able contingency, Ginger was able on the wing."

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uttermost. Very little escaped them even the most ordinary and inno- laughter and his ready lapse into smugly. "If they sing me out of and that little was of no value to cent of errands without attracting rollicking song, his mind had bed mornings, I'll sing them back worked without ceasing in the ef- to sleep again."

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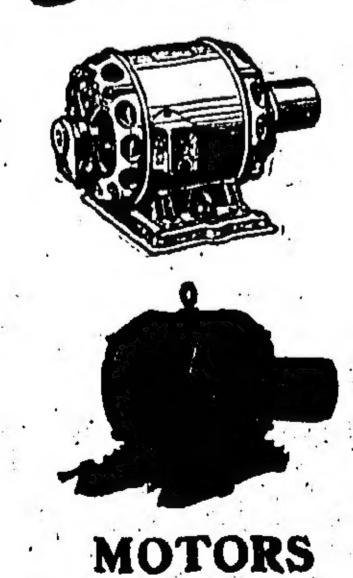
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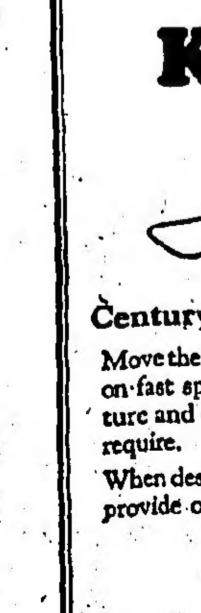
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THE FUNNY SIDE OF SILVER.

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mathematics and consequently dis- transfer of shoes of sycee-called proving the Einstein theory—that, "shoes" because they are about the size of small bricks and are shaped by the way, originated in China.

Before we can consider silver like sampans. qua thels we have necessarily to put on record certain theories or confounded? Nobody knows!

But those who would lightly condemn a currency system because nobody knows who it, and because only Einstein whether things that are equal to and myself understand it, . may well reflect that China stands alone as the greatest nation of the Allied and enemy states that did not tam- | do not know what its weight is, nor its principles, during the great have neither weighed it nor assaytrials of the war and the greater ed it, but we have every confidence trials of the peace. They may well in it because it has been passed as tael to serve the hour, and that it A Kongku is a kind of public valuer | rate. was to silver-using China that India turned to save her gold standard from collapse during the dark days of 1916.

There has been no time within the memory of man when the tael has been other than an honest token-or as honest as could reasonably be expected. There has been no time when a man that possessed a tack of account could not exchange it for a tael of silver. I am not here as a protagonist in the gold versus silver controversy, but I have grave doubts as to whether a system that, in less enlightened countries provides credit in exchange for paper, would be readily acceptable in China, whose people, numbering one-fifth of the population of the world, have an age-long preference for the simple and more or less honest usages of the cash shops that call a tael a tael, and do not write it down by lifty per cent. and call it a franc.

Now, having handed this bouquet to the tael, let us see how it establighes itself on a sterling basis, having regard to the sterling price of bar silver that, as we have presupposed, is the truth about silver. Here let me add that somebody is sure to point out that my calcularight the day before yesterday, or whenever it was that I made them. They will invariably be wrong when they are checked, but they would invariably be right if they not taking into account.

Values. the conventional fineness of 985 is leads us to the conclusion that a various, times dealt with the subsaid to equal in value a Chauping thousand Chauping tacks 985 fine ject. The appointment of Commisweight tael of silver 916-2/3 fineor, to put it in another way, a thousand Chauping weight taels of silver 985 fine are worth 10751/4 fling difference indeed but we find sometime wonders when it governs. monetary tacls. The Chauping these trifling differences at every Here also, in Hongkong, we have tael is based on the Canton tael that is taken to weigh 579.84 one of the several stages of the had our Currency Committee. Its grains, though in fact its weight is taken to weigh 579.84 evolution of bar silver into mone-grains, though in fact its weight is slightly more. One hundred Can-Chauping Taels, so that a Chauping | the conversion of sycee, but we | ing it from you. Certainly there

tice that obtains of using one set silver 998 fine. the buyer and the seller adjust In considering this convention that we welcome its members and of scales and weights for receiving we have to remember what I have look forward, with confidence, to can hope to understand.

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tacl is a coin because I possess arrive at the conversion rate of several of them that I keep by me | 110.90, they allow only 1 per cent. to confound the experts who per- for the superior fineness of bar sist in denying that the tacl has any corporate entity. Still, we know or overwhelmingly influences, the that although it exists as a coin and 1985 fine, this allowance assumes price of silver. I mean the tael that, as a banknote, it is for all practical as I shall presently explain, has purposes a conventional unit of acconfounded Euclid by demonstrating count that serves merely as a that things that are equal to the medium for the adjustment of book same thing are by no means equal balances through its theoretical reone to the other—thereby under- lation by value to sycee. Actual the certified markings of the Kongmining the very foundations of pure settlements in silver are made by

Shoca of Sycee.

ment accepted as facts, whether where we can claim some intimate fally for export, in which case the they are so or not. Nobody knows acquaintance with the monetary mint shops charge us 1/32 per cent. who propounded these theories. tacl because we have established its more for what is termed new Who was it, for instance, who first apparent parity with its parent sycee—that is, the really real sycee, decreed that 98 taels of sycee 935 sycee, but, bearing in mind the and not the ordinary sycee that is fine should equal 100 tacks of ac- pitfalls that lie in wait for the un- only real sycee. So here we have count? Was it the man who in- wary in China; we shall find it in- another slight difference. vented interest? Nobody knows! structive to take an actual shoe of On what logical basis is the whole sycce, to work out its value in inexplicable hugger-mugger of monetary taels, and to see whether taels weight of bar silver 998 fine Chinese standards and values that value conforms with certain is not a permanent rate. It is other theories and conventions that true that, being merely a rate for govern monetary tacls vis-a-vis sycee. We shall, in fact, put old founded Euclid to the test and find out

equal one to the other. Let us take a shoe of sycee. W reflect that China never sold the good honest tender by a Kongku. in Shanghai to whom all shoes of sycee are sent by the Mint shops to be attested before being put into circulation. He is appointed by the mint shops and is thoroughly trustworthy, though, like the rest of us, he doubtless recognises that business business. He tests each shoe

perfunctory way with a touchstone, but judges it principally by look see," a method that is probably more reliable than the touchstone. He marks in ink on each shoe his opinion of its weight and

ings-that the unsophisticated might mistake for a Chinese onththat indicate its weight as fifty minor eccentricities of silver in Chauping taels and its fineness as China it is because they afford 2.69 premium. This is the pre- more scope for a sketchy address mium per shoe, not the premium at an hour's notice, than would a per cent. This particular shoe, as more serious consideration of the it happens to weigh exactly fifty essential soundness of China's Chauping Taels, saves us some currency. mental arithmetic, as we are able to double the premium and say it is | would take you back to the transi-5.38 per cent premium over what tion stage of Japan from silver to

may be termed standard sycees. convention that 98 Chauping taols versy on bimetallism that, from the of sycee 935 fine are equal to 100 | seventies, had a profound effect on monetary taels of account, and it the tangled tale of American curis this fineness of 935. that the rency for a quarter of a century. tions are wrong. I will anticipate Kongku takes as his standard. If There is a fascination in studying therefore we add to the standard the views of the unreasoning adthat they are wrong, but they were 5.38 per cent we shall find that this shoe is 985.3 fine.

Value in Monetary Taels.

were checked at some other time. its weight 50, add its premium 2.00, cross of gold. Perhaps he lived This peculiarity is one of the minor multiply by 100 and divide by 98. too soon! Who knows? eccentricities of the tael that I am This gives us 53.765, and if 50 The history of silver it respect Chauping taels of sycee 985.3 to the currency of India is related fine are worth 53.765 monetary in the voluminous reports of the Theoretically, a monetary tael of taels, then a simple calculation many commissions that have at are worth 1074-93 monetary tacls, sions to deal with subjects in fact as against the convention that they is so marked a feature of the are equal to 1075-25. A very tri- Government of India that, one one of the several stages of the had our Currency Committee. Its tary tacls.

tael weighs approximately 565.7 have to bear in mind that sycee grains—at least it does when the mint shops buy silver. When they sell silver they reckon that a hundred Canton taels equal silver into monetary taels payable sponsible for the landing here to-102.4 Chauping taels. The dis- in sycee. They pay in sycee or did day of a Commission appointed crepancy is very slight, but it is until recently, 110.90 monetary taels by the Home Government, and as not made any slighter by the prac- for 100 Canton tacks weight of bar | we shall all be affected by its find-

and another set for paying. How already stated, that when they the successful accomplishment of these discrepancies between them. buy the silver they reckon 102.5 | the difficult task they have before selves is one of the unsolved Chauping taels are equal to 100 them. mysteries of internal bullion opera- Canton taels. When they pay for Rotarian Bousfield expressed tions in China that no foreigner it by delivering the sycee they the Club's thanks to Mr. Champkin reckon only 102.4 as the equivalent, for his address.

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I have said that the Monetary Also, in the formula they use to

lver over sycos. As the latter is reduced by copper alloy to about that bar silver is about 995 fine instend of 998 fine. So here we have another slight difference. If we export sycee for remelting into bar ku, we shall find that in an average shipment of 20,000 shoes there will be a still further loss of 2 per cent. on fineness and .2 per cent. on weight. These little losses, moreover, occur when we have announ-We have now got to the stage ced that we are buying sycee spec-

The conversion rate of 110.90 Monetary taels for 100 Canton true that, being merely a rate for the conversion of one kind of silver into another, it should be permanent, but it changes with the the same things are necessarily price of charcoal that is extensively has also been known to change for other reasons. I view with grave per with its tokens, nor palter with do we know its fineness, because we concern the anniversary of the this year with the Feast of Singing Insects, and I shall watch closely the effect this has on the conversion

Subject for Prayer.

Gentlemen, I have said enough about sycee in China to convince you. I hope, that it is a subject more fit for prayer and fasting than for half an hour's consideration after tiffin. With all its peculiarities it is deserving of respect. The Late Mr. Stephen, of the Hongkong Bank, told me, about seven years ago, that the honesty of sycce was the safeguard of China's currency.. My own experience during fifteen years as a bank manager accords entirely with the We find that this shoe has mark- view of the ablest and greatest of the managers of our time. If I have dwelt lightly on some of the

If I discussed silver seriously I gold, to the break-up of the Latin I have already referred to the Union, to the memorable controvocates of "cheap and abundant money", as there is something intriguing about that protest of Now, if we want to ascertain its William Jonnings Bryan against value in monetary tacls, we take the crucifying of humanity upon a

ed to see, and perhaps the Govern-So far we have dealt only with ment has acted wisely in witholdings we may say in all sincerity

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#### Among Those Present.

Works and Port Works Departments, Dr. Lew Yuk Lin, Mr. A. A. Canon Bartholo, Acting in the absence of the Bishop of Macao, Mr. Antonio Basto, Commissioner of

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Among Those Present.

persons who were waiting on the landing stage, Governor Oliveira, honoured to receive the keys of the from Godown on and after 30th ing took place, was the scene of many persons who accompanied by Dr. Magalhaes, and city, but handed them to the Munimuch activity from an early hour. Oliveira were Dr. J. Magalhaes, and their aides-de-camp, Capt. Afonso and flags and bunting decked the Officer Administering the Government, Dr. Horacio Carvalho, Re- ly inspected the Guard of Honour Governor Oliveira was to step gistrar General, Mr. F. Dias Costa, which was drawn up in front of the ashore later in the day. The day Colonial Treasurer, Col. Schiappa Government Warehouses in the New

#### Scaplane Demonstrates.

During the ceremony connected special affection for Macao, for it hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon within

Major J. G. Andrade, Commissioner motor-car to the Municipal Hall, adopted to remedy the situation.

In front of the Municipal Buildspecting the guard, His Excellency the Governor entered the Municipal Yolngco da Silva, Mr. A. A. de colony, Mello, Mr. Jacques Garcias, Mr. E. L. da Silva, and Mr. B. Senna Fernandes, with Major J. Andrade, Commissioner of Police, accompanied by Mr. V. do Rosario, Secretary of the Council.

The party then proceeded to a raised dais where the ceremony of taking over office was to be performed, and where in addition to His Excellency the Governor and Dr. Magalhaes, members of the Macao Government Council and the Municipal Council and other officials were seated.

Addressing Commander Oliveira. Dr. Magalhaes said that he handed over the administration of the colony to a distinguished Portuguese officer who had shown proofs of his ability in various administrative posts entrusted to him by his Government. He referred to the special problems confronting the Government, particularly due to the unprecedentedly low rates of exchange, and sketched the situation of the colony at the present time. fortunate in his administration of brain. the colony the reins of office of which he was then taking over.

#### No Stranger to Colony.

Speaking on behalf of the people of Macao, Mr. Henrique Nolasco da Silva, as Chairman of the Macao Municipal Council, welcomed Governor of the Colony, referring to his previous residence in Macao as a circumstate to the problems of this colony. He had approached the inter-section and having regard to the problems of this colony. He had approached the inter-section also to the slight bend which the approached the inter-section was reached.

Watkins.

the keys of the city.

their expressions of goodwill and prior to steamer's arrival but carried hoped that with their assistance on from port to port to the final port and co-operation it would be possible of call to which the option extends. to solve the problems confronting All broken, chafed, and damaged the government of the colony,

with the landing, Commander J. was in this colony that he had begun the free storage period. Cabral in a Macao seaplane circled his official career. He had already No claims will be admitted after overhead, and the bands of the heard of the hardships wrought to the Goods have left the steamer's At about three o'clock the warning gun from Monte Fort told the walting public of the approach of the Adamastor with Commander Oliveira aboard, and the roads leading to the Outer Port were througed ing to the Outer Port were througed in the Outer Port were through the Outer Port were though the Outer Port were through the Outer Port were though the Outer Port Warning Oute

> He referred to the cordial relations subsisting between the Government of Macao and neighbouring ing, a Guard of Honour, consisting authorities in China and the British of units from the Macao Police colony of Hongkong. He honed force, was drawn up to receive that those relations would be Commander Oliveira, and after in- cemented by closer ties of friendship in the future.

> He concluded by hoping that Building, the members of the Muni- Macao would be blessed with proscipal Council receiving him at the perity, and that he would be given entrance. They were Mr. Henrique the support of the people of the

> > Following the ceremony of signjust the papers of office, Governor Oliveira repaired to the Government House where the principal residents of the colony called on the new Governor to pay their respects,

#### FATAL MOTOR MISHAP IN CITY.

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ELDERLY WOMAN KILLED BY MOTOR CYCLIST.

A motor accident, which result- Surveyor. Messrs:-Goddard ed in the death of an old Chinese Douglas at 10.00 a.m. on Monday. Weman, near the inter-section of the 6th April, 1931 .lee House Street and Queen's Road Central on March 22, was the subject of an inquest held by Mr. Williams, at the Central Police Court yesterday afternoon.

Dr. G. H. Thomas, medical officer at the Government Civil Hospital. said the woman was admitted in He referred to the friendly relations an unconscious condition and com- and two yards to his left when he subsisting between the authorities tinued in that state until she at Macao and neighbouring admin- passed away about an hour after- horn. istrations and expressed the hope wards. Death was due to a frac-

over. She had bound feet,

#### Rider's Evidence.

then proceeded to sketch the special of Ice House Street, an old woman problems of Macao, referring to suddenly appeared from the left the jury returned a verdict of and got in his way. She was accidental death, without attachtions, especially to the need for the three yards in front of his machine ing any blame to the driver.

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first sighted her and sounded his

The woman was knocked down that the new. Governor would be tured skull and injuries to the by the front wheel, the impact diverting the machine to the right. The injuries, said witness, were He brought the machine to a consistent with the patient falling standstill on the right side of the on her head after being knocked road and returned to the spot, to find the woman lying unconscious.

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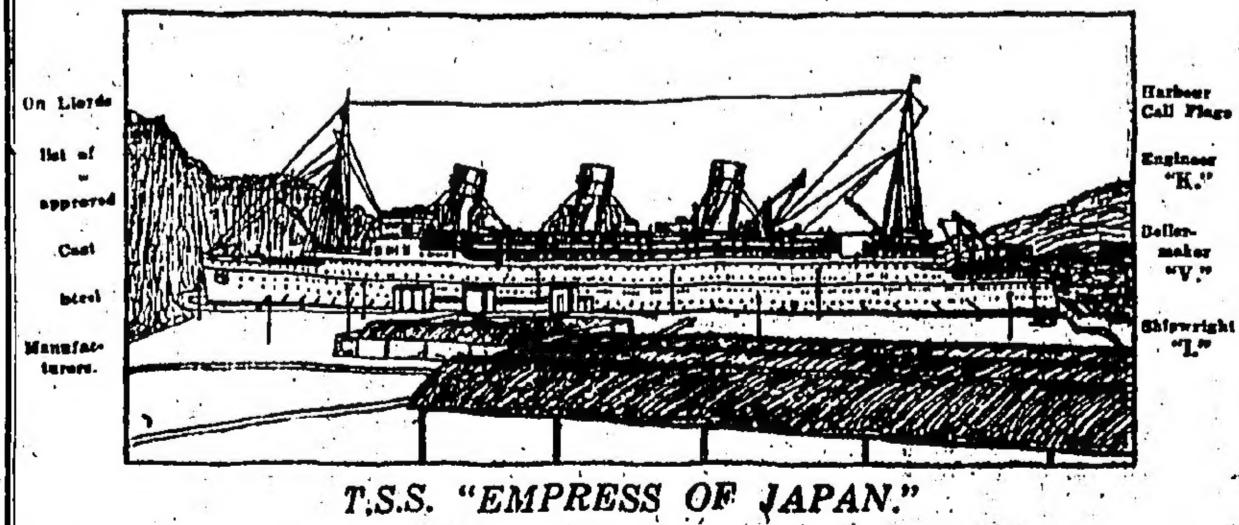
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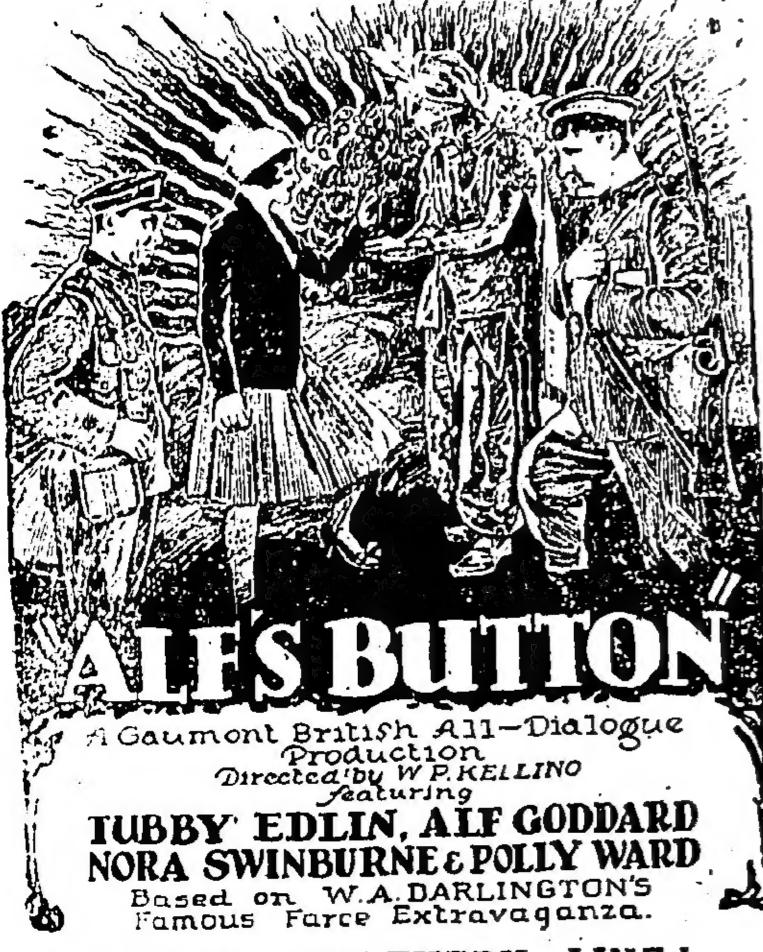
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Death of King's Secretary.

Stamfordham Passes Away.

### G.O.M. OF COURT.

London, Mar. 31. Lord Stamfordham, the King's private secretary, who had been ill for some time past, made good progress towards recovery, and suffered a relapse a few days ago, passed away this evening in his 82nd year.

Arthur John Bigge, soldier, private secretary to two Monarchs, and the first Lord Stamfordham, was the son of the Rev. J. F. Bigge; Vicar of Stamfordham, near Newcastle-on-Tyne, and was born in June, 1849.

lie entered the Army in early members and life, obtaining a commission to the Royal Artillery in 1869, and ten years later served in the Zulu war as A. D. C. to Sir Evelyn Wood. The campaign opened disastrously with the destruction of a British force of 800 at Isandlwana, but in a few months the Zulu power was crushed.

fordam became assistant private House of Commons to-day, the secretary to Queen Victoria and Minister for War, Mr. Tom Shaw, after holding other Court posts was said preliminary figures showed the Conference named. made her private secretary and that only in the case of Great knighted in 1895.

away much of the antiquated roupared with 1924, in national extine of the Court and introduced penditure on the military services. modern businesslike methods.

1901, the Prince of Wales (later respect of France, Italy, United) King George) appointed him his secretary and he remained in that post after the Prince came to the throne on the death of Edward VII in May, 1910. Next year he was raised to the peerage.

intimate knowledge of State affairs, in his old age. He lost his only plant and machinery, motor trucks, In his relations with the King he son in the war in 1915, but he had motor junk, etc: is reputed to have been as much also two daughters. a counsellor as a secretary. He Among his foreign decorations 15%, viz., 30 cents was methodical and painstaking, were that of Grand Officer of the and his letters were models of Legion of Honour and the Grand To carry forward to language and style. The King's Cross of the Danish Order of the credit of next's years illness early in 1929 added much Dannebrog. to his heavy and responsible dut- Lady Stamfordham, who was a

## BROKEN INTO.

#### RECENT INCIDENT AT BUENOS AIRES.

New York, Mar. 31.

It has just been revealed that while the Prince of Wales and Prince George were enjoying the hospitality of Buenos Aires on March 14, Prince George's bedroom. at the British Embassy was broken into,". and ransacked.

Prince George lost a large amount of personal jewellery of considerable value, but all of it was subsequently recovered by the police.

The thief is alleged to be a prominent young Argentinian.-Reuter's American Service.

#### MILITARY SERVICE EXPENDITURE.

BRITAIN ALONE SHOWS ANY MARKED DECREASE.

London, Mar. 31. Britain was there any substantial At once he set to work to sweep percentage decrease in 1980, com-

In the case of Japan, there had After Queen Victoria's death in been a small decrease, but in

of sound judgment and had an ful preservation of vigorous health after writing off \$16,819.57 for

ies, but in spite of his advanced daughter of the Rev. W. F. Neville, age he met all demands made upon Vicar of Butleigh, died in 1922.

EFFECT OF FALL IN DOLLAR.

FURTHER VOTES NEEDED BY GOVERNMENT.

#### SHIPPING PARLEY.

Soven votes totalling \$22,012 are to come before the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council to-morrow afternoon, the majority being necessitated by the drop in the dollar,

One of the items is for \$2,133 for the purchase of raw opium, this representing the deficiency on previous votes, due to the fall in

A sum of \$3,819 is to be asked for in respect of special apparatus for ultra violet ray and electrical therapy. The actual sterling expenditure was less than that estimated, the excess being entirely due to fall in exchange.

Another vote is for \$4,705 for various items of which provision was made based on a 1s. 10d. dollar. Due to the drop in exchange, the sums are insufficient for sterling payments.

Three delegates are to be sent to India to attend the Merchant Shipping Round Table Conference at Simla, and a sum of \$6,408 is needed to meet their expenses. A further vote of \$3,621 is to be In 1880, the future Lord Stam- Answering a question in the asked for as estimated acting pay of the Hon. Comdr. G. F. Hole at

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